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TO: FBI (ATTENTION: Special Inquiry Unit, Rm. 4371

FROM: Counsel, Office of the President-elect

SUBJECT: FBI INVESTIGATIONS

Candidate's Name Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. SSAN 449-60-1090

Date of Birth Feb. 11, 1921 Place of Birth Sharyland, Texas

Present Address 1810 Kalorama Square, NW, Washington, DC 20008

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We request: Copy of Previous Report

Name Check

Expanded Name Check

Full-Field Investigation

Level I X Level II Level III

Limited Update

Other

The candidate named above is being considered for:

Presidential Appointment

Requiring Senate Confirmation

Not Requiring Senate Confirmation

Transition Staff

Other

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Attachments:

SF-86

FD-258 (Fingerprint Card)

SF-86 Supplement

Other

Remarks/Special Instructions:

ENCLOSURE

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR
SENSITIVE POSITIONS
(For National Security)

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Part 1

OPM
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Codes

Case Number

Agency Use Only (Complete items A through P using instructions in FPM Supplement 296-33)

A Type of Investigation	B Extra Coverage	C Sensitivity Level	D Access	E Nature of Action Code	F Date of Action	Month	Day	Year
G Geographic Location	H Position Code	I Position Title						
J SON	K Location of Official Personnel Folder	None NPRC At SON	Other Address	ZIP Code				
L SOI	M Location of Security Folder	None At SOI NPI	Other Address	ZIP Code				
N OPAC-ALC Number	O Accounting Data and/or Agency Case Number							
P Requesting Official	Name and Title		Signature		Telephone Number		FTS () Date	

Persons completing this form should begin with the questions below. Please type or print your answers.

1 FULL NAME • If you have only initials in your name, use them and State (IO). • If you have no middle name, enter "NMN." Last Name: Bentzen First Name: Lloyd Middle Name: Millard Jr. II. etc.: Jr. Month: 02 Day: 11 Year: 12	2 DATE OF BIRTH Month: 02 Day: 11 Year: 12
3 PLACE OF BIRTH • Use the two letter code for the State. City: Sharyland County: Hidalgo State: TX Country: (if not in the United States)	4 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 4 4 9 - 6 0 - 1 0 9 0
5 OTHER NAMES USED Give other names you used and the period of time you used them (for example: your maiden name, name[s] by a former marriage, former name[s], alias[es], or nickname[s]). If the other name is your maiden name, put "nee" in front of it. Name: None Month/Year: To Name: Month/Year: To Name: Month/Year: To	
6 OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION Height (feet and inches): 6'1" Weight (pounds): 175 Hair Color: Gray Eye Color: Brown Sex (mark one box): <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male	
7 TELEPHONE NUMBERS Work (include Area Code and extension): (X) Day: (202) 224-5996 (X) Night: (202) 234-7776 Home (include Area Code): (X) Day: (202) 234-7776 (X) Night: (202) 234-7776	
8 CITIZENSHIP a Mark the box at the right that applies to you and follow the instructions next to the box you marked. I am a U.S. citizen by birth in the U.S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Answer Items b and d I am a U.S. citizen, but I was NOT born in the U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Answer Items b, c, and d I am not a U.S. citizen. <input type="checkbox"/> Answer Items b and e b Your Mother's Maiden Name: Colbath	

C UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP If you are a U.S. Citizen, but were not born in the U.S., provide information about one or more of the following proofs of your citizenship.

Naturalization Certificate (Where were you naturalized?)

Court	City	State	Certificate Number	Month/Day/Year Issued
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Citizenship Certificate (Where was the certificate issued?)

City	State	Certificate Number	Month/Day/Year Issued
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State Department Form 240 - Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States

Give the date the form was prepared and give an explanation if needed.	Month/Day/Year	Explanation
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U.S. Passport

This may be either a current or previous U.S. Passport.	Passport Number	Month/Day/Year Issued
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d DUAL CITIZENSHIP If you are (or were) a dual citizen of the United States and another country, provide the name of that country in the space to the right.

e ALIEN If you are an alien, provide the following information:

Place You Entered the United States:	City	State	Date You Entered U.S. Month Day Year	Country of Citizenship
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ENCLOSURE

9 WHERE YOU HAVE LIVED

Fill in your full address for every place you have lived beginning with the present (#1) and working backward 15 years.

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- If you attended school away from your permanent residence, list the address you lived at while attending school.
- For any address in the past 3 years:
 - List a person who knew you at that address, preferably someone who still lives in that area.
 - If address listed is "General Delivery," a Rural Route, or Star Route, provide directions for locating the residence on an attached continuation sheet, and show the block #.

#1	Month/Year Month/Year 1977 to pre- To Sent	Street Address 1810 Kalorama Square, NW	Apt. #	City (Country) Washington	State D.C.	ZIP Code 200008	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You [Redacted] WMP [Redacted]		Street Address Kalorama Square, Washington	Apt. #	City (Country) Washington	State D.C.	ZIP Code 200008	Telephone Number
#2	Month/Year Month/Year To	Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You		Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Additional Leads to be set out when furnished by Bantson							
#3	Month/Year Month/Year To	Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You		Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
#4	Month/Year Month/Year To	Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You		Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
#5	Month/Year Month/Year To	Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You		Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
#6	Month/Year Month/Year To	Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Name of Person Who Knows You		Street Address	Apt. #	City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number

10 WHERE YOU WENT TO SCHOOL

Fill in information about schools you have attended, beyond Junior High School, beginning with the most recent (#1) and working backward 15 years. Also list College or University degrees received beyond 15 years.

- For schools you attended in the past 3 years, list a person who knew you at school (such as an instructor or a student).
- For correspondence schools and extension classes, list records location address.
- In the "Code" block, use one of these codes: 1 - High School 2 - College/University 3 - Vocational/Trade School

#1	Month/Year Month/Year 9/37 To 5/42	Code 2	Name of School University of Texas	Degree/Diploma/Other (show each degree and date received if Code 2) Bach. of Law 6/42	Month/Year 6/42
Street Address and City (Country) of School 727 East 26th Street, Austin, Texas SA				State TX	ZIP Code 78705
Name of Person Who Knew You		Street Address and City (Country) [Redacted] Austin		State TX	ZIP Code 78703
#2	Month/Year Month/Year 9/34 To 5/37	Code 1	Name of School Sharyland High School	Degree/Diploma/Other (show each degree and date received if Code 2) Graduated	Month/Year 5/37
Street Address and City (Country) of School 1106 North Sharyland Road, Sharyland				State TX	ZIP Code 78157
Name of Person Who Knew You		Street Address and City (Country) [Redacted]		State TX	ZIP Code [Redacted]
#3	Month/Year Month/Year To	Code	Name of School	Degree/Diploma/Other (show each degree and date received if Code 2)	Month/Year
Street Address and City (Country) of School				State	ZIP Code
Name of Person Who Knew You		Street Address and City (Country)		State	ZIP Code
Name of Person Who Knew You		Street Address and City (Country)		State	ZIP Code

Enter your Social Security Number before going to the next page

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11 YOUR EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

Fill in your employment activities, beginning with the present (#1) and working backward 15 years. INCLUDE:

- all full-time work
- all part-time work
- all paid work
- active military duty
- self-employment
- all periods of unemployment

IN THE NUMBERED ACTIVITY SECTION USE ONE OF THESE CODES IN THE CODE BLOCK:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| 1 - Active military duty stations | 5 - State Government (Non-Federal) employment | 7 - Unemployment (Enter name of person who can verify) | 9 - Other |
| 2 - National Guard/Reserve | 6 - Self-employment (Enter business name and/or name of person who can verify) | 8 - Federal Contractor (list Contractor, not Federal agency) | |
| 3 - U.S.P.H.S. Commissioned Corps | | | |
| 4 - Other Federal employment | | | |

FOR EACH ACTIVITY SECTION, provide information requested. For example, if you had worked at XY Plumbing in Denver, CO, for 3 separate periods of time, you would enter dates and information concerning the most recent period of employment first, and provide dates, position titles, and supervisors for the two previous periods of employment in the appropriate blocks below that information. (For locations outside the U.S., show city and country.)

#1	Month/Year Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
Present	1/71 To present	4	United States Senate	United States Senator		
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
U. S. Senate			Washington	D C	205110	(202) 224-3205
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To	Following completed by FBIHQ from Whos Who:		

#2	Month/Year Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
1955	To 1970		Lincoln Consolidation	President		
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
			Houston	TX		()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

#3	Month/Year Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
1948	To 1955		lead to follow ...			
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

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YOUR EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES (Continued)

#4	Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
	To						
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To			To		
To			To		

#5	Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
	To						
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To			To		
To			To		

#6	Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
	To						
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To			To		
To			To		

#7	Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
	To						
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)				City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number ()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK #

Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year	Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To			To		
To			To		

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YOUR EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Month/Year Month/Year		Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
#4	To			State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)			()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

Month/Year Month/Year		Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
#5	1945 To 1948		? Self-employed ?	Attorney		
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
			McAllen	TX		()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

Month/Year Month/Year		Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
#6	1946 To 1948		Hidalgo Co.	Judge		
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
			Hidalgo Co.	TX		()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

Month/Year Month/Year		Code	Employer's Name/Military Service/Unemployment or Self-Employment Verifier	Your Position Title		
#7	To					
Employer's/Verifier's Street Address			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Street Address of Job Location (if different than Employer's Address)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()
Supervisor's Name & Street Address (if different than Job Location)			City (Country)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone Number
						()

PREVIOUS PERIODS OF THE SAME ACTIVITY AND LOCATION - IF CONTINUATION SHEET IS USED, SHOW BLOCK

Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name	Month/Year Month/Year	Your Position Title & Supervisor's Name
To		To	
To		To	

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12 PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU WELL

List two people who know you well and live in the United States.

• Don't list spouse, other relatives, or former spouses.

• Try not to list anyone mentioned in item 9, 10, or 11.

Name	Number Years Known	Telephone Number:
#1 [Redacted]	30	[Redacted]
Home Address	City (Country)	State ZIP Code
[Redacted]	Houston	T X 77 01 1 9
Name	Number Years Known	Telephone Number:
#2 [Redacted]	30	[Redacted]
Home Address	City (Country)	State ZIP Code
[Redacted]	Houston	T X 7 7 01 1 9

13 YOUR OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

List any activities which you may wish to have considered as reflecting favorably on your reputation for leadership, responsibility, honesty, and integrity in the last 15 years. (Response Optional)

Month/Year	Month/Year	Activity	Location of Activity
	To		City (Country) State
#1	To		
#2	To		
#3	To		

14 YOUR FOREIGN ACTIVITIES

- a. Do you have any foreign property, business connections, or financial interests?
- b. Are you now or have you ever been employed by or acted as a consultant for a foreign government, firm, or agency?
- c. In the last 15 years, have you had continuing contact with a national of any foreign country designated by the agency instructing you to fill out this form? (NOTE: If the agency wants you to answer this question, it will provide you with a list of countries.)

Yes	No
	X
	X
	X

If you answered "Yes" to a, b, or c, explain in the space below:

15 FOREIGN COUNTRIES YOU HAVE VISITED

List foreign countries you have visited, beginning with the most current (#1) and working backward 15 years.

• Do not include countries covered in items 9, 10, and 11.

• In the "Code" block, use one of these codes: 1 - Business

2 - Pleasure

3 - Education

4 - Other

Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Country	Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Country
#1	To			#3	To		
			See addendum #1				
#2	To			#4	To		

16 YOUR MILITARY HISTORY

- a. Have you served in the United States military?
 Have you served in the United States Merchant Marine?
 • If your answer to both questions is "No," GO TO QUESTION 17.
 • If your answer to either question is "Yes," GO TO b.

Yes	No
X	
	X

- b. Starting with the most current (#1) and working backward, enter information for all periods of active service into the table below.

• Mark "O" block for Officer or "E" block for Enlisted.

• In the "Code" block, use one of these codes:

1 - Air Force 2 - Army 3 - Navy 4 - Marine Corps 5 - Coast Guard 6 - Merchant Marine 7 - National Guard

Month/Year	Month/Year	Code	Service/Certificate #	O	E	Status (Mark "X" in appropriate blocks - use State Code for National Guard)					
	To					None	Active Duty	Active Reserve	National Guard (show State)	Inactive Reserve	Retired
#1	11/42 To 7/45	1	A0564794	O			X				
#2	12/45 To 1/59	1	A0564794	O				X			
#3	To		SL								
#4	To										

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17 YOUR RELATIVES

Give full names and enter the correct code for all relatives, living or dead; specified below:

- | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 - Mother (first) | 4 - Stepfather | 7 - Stepchild | 10 - Stepbrother | 13 - Half-sister | 16 - Guardian |
| 2 - Father (second) | 5 - Foster parent | 8 - Brother | 11 - Stepsister | 14 - Father-in-law | |
| 3 - Stepmother | 6 - Child (adopted also) | 9 - Sister | 12 - Half-brother | 15 - Mother-in-law | |

Full Name (If deceased, check box on the left before entering name)	Code	Date of Birth Month/Day/Year	Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Current Street Address and City (country) of Living Relatives	State
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edna Ruth Colbath Bentsen	1	9/6/01	U.S.A.	U.S.A.		I
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lloyd Millard Bentsen	2	11/24/95	U.S.A.	U.S.A.		I
<input type="checkbox"/>			U.S.A. HO	U.S.A.		T I X
<input type="checkbox"/>			U.S.A.	U.S.A.		T I X
<input type="checkbox"/>				U.S.A.		T I X
<input type="checkbox"/>			U.S.A. SA	U.S.A.		T I X
<input type="checkbox"/>			U.S.A. HO	U.S.A.		T I X
<input type="checkbox"/>			U.S.A. SA	U.S.A.		T I X
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<input type="checkbox"/>						I

18 YOUR MARITAL STATUS

Mark one of the following boxes to show your current marital status:

- | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Never married (go to question 19) | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Divorced |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Married | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Legally Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 - Widowed |

Current Spouse Complete the following about your current spouse.

Full Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Include country if outside the U.S.)	Social Security Number
Enter names used (Specify maiden name, names by other marriages, etc., and show dates used for each name)			
Maiden name: <input type="text"/>			
Country of Citizenship	Date Married	Place Married (Include country if outside the U.S.)	State
U.S.A.	11/27/43	Columbus	MS
Separated, Date of Separation (Mo./Day/Yr.)		If Legally Separated, Where is the Record Located? City (Country)	
Address of Current Spouse (Street, city, and country if outside the U.S.)			State ZIP Code
1810 Kalorama Square, NW, Washington			DIC 210101018

Former Spouse(s) Complete the following about your former spouse(s), use blank sheets if needed.

Full Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Include country if outside the U.S.)	State
Country of Citizenship	Date Married	Place Married (Include country if outside the U.S.)	State
Check One, Then Give Date		If Divorced, Where is the Record Located? City (Country)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed			
Address of Former Spouse (Street, city, and country if outside the U.S.)			State ZIP Code

19 PERSONS LIVING WITH YOU

Does the citizen of another country, or a United States citizen by other than birth, live at your residence? If "Yes," provide the information required below. If a United States citizen by other than birth lives with you, show both "United States" and prior country of citizenship below. Don't list your spouse or other relatives you provided in question 17.

Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Name of Person	Country of Citizenship	Relationship

This concludes Part 1 of this form. If you have used Page 9, continuation sheets, or blank sheets to complete any of the questions in Part 1, give the number for those questions in the space to the right:

Enter your Social Security Number before going to the next page

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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR
SENSITIVE POSITIONS
(For National Security)**

Part 2

20 YOUR SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORD

- a. Are you a male born after December 31, 1959? If "No," go to 21. If "Yes," go to b.
b. Have you registered with the Selective Service System? If "Yes," provide your registration number. If "No," show the reason for your legal exemption below.

Yes	No
	X

Registration Number Legal Exemption Explanation

21 YOUR MILITARY RECORD

- a. Have you ever received other than an honorable discharge from the military? If "Yes," provide:
Date of Discharge (Month and Year): Type of Discharge:
b. Have you ever been subject to court-martial or other disciplinary proceedings under the Uniform Code of Military Justice? If "Yes," list any disciplinary proceedings in the last 15 years and all courts-martial. (Include non-judicial and Captain's mast, etc.)

Yes	No
	X
	X

Month/Year	Charge or Specification / Action Taken	Place (City and county/country if outside the United States)	State
			I
			I

22 YOUR EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Has any of the following happened to you in the last 15 years? If "Yes," begin with the most recent occurrence and go backward, providing date fired, quit, or left, and other information requested.

Yes	No
	X

Use the following codes and explain the reason your employment was ended:

- 1 - Fired from a job 3 - Left a job by mutual agreement following allegations of misconduct 5 - Left a job for other reasons under unfavorable circumstances
2 - Quit a job after being told you'd be fired 4 - Left a job by mutual agreement following allegations of unsatisfactory performance

Month/Year	Code	Specify Reason	Employer's Name and Address	State	ZIP Code
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				I	I I I I

23 YOUR POLICE RECORD (Do not include anything that happened before your 16th birthday.)

- a. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any felony offense?
b. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a firearms or explosives offense?
c. Are there currently any charges pending against you for any criminal offense?
d. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any offense(s) related to alcohol or drugs?
e. In the last 5 years, have you been arrested for, charged with, or convicted for any offense(s) not listed in response to a, b, c, or d above? (Leave out traffic fines of less than \$100.)

Yes	No
	X
	X
	X
	X
	X

If you answered "Yes" to a, b, c, d, or e above, explain your answer(s) in the space provided.

Month/Year	Offense	Action Taken	Law Enforcement Authority or Court (City and county/country if outside the U.S.)	State	ZIP Code
				I	I I I I
				I	I I I I

24 YOUR MEDICAL RECORD

- a. Have you experienced problems on or off the job because of any emotional or mental condition?
b. Have you ever seen a health care professional for any of the types of problems mentioned above?

Yes	No
	X
	X

If you answered "Yes" to questions a or b, explain below.

Month/Year	Month/Year	Explanation
To		
To		

Enter your Social Security Number before going to the next page

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25 ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Yes	No
	X
	X

a. In the last 5 years, have you used, possessed, supplied, or manufactured any illegal drugs? When used without a prescription, illegal drugs include marijuana, cocaine, hashish, narcotics (opium, morphine, codeine, heroin, etc.), stimulants (cocaine, amphetamines, etc.), depressants (barbiturates, methaqualone, tranquilizers, etc.), hallucinogenics (LSD, PCP, etc.). (NOTE: The information you provide in response to this question will not be provided for use in any criminal proceedings against you.)

b. Have you experienced problems (disciplinary actions, evictions, formal complaints, etc.) on or off a job from your use of illegal drugs or alcohol?

If you answered "Yes" to question a or b above, provide information relating to the types of substance(s), the nature of the activity, and any other details relating to your involvement with illegal drugs or alcohol. Include any treatment or counseling received.

Month/Year	Month/Year	Type of Substance	Explanation
To			
To			
To			

26 YOUR INVESTIGATIONS RECORD

Yes	No
	X

a. Has the United States Government ever investigated your background? If "Yes," use the codes that follow to provide the requested information below. If "Yes," but you can't recall the investigating agency and/or the security clearance received, enter "Other" agency code or clearance code, as appropriate, and "Don't know" or "Don't recall" under the "Other Agency" heading, below. If your response is "No," or you don't know or can't recall if you were investigated and cleared, check the "No" box.

Codes for Investigating Agency				Codes for Security Clearance Received			
1 - Defense Department	4 - FBI	0 - Not Required	3 - Top Secret	6 - Q-Nonsensitive			
2 - State Department	5 - Treasury Department	1 - Confidential	4 - Sensitive Compartmented Information	7 - L			
3 - Office of Personnel Management	6 - Other (Specify)	2 - Secret	5 - Q-Sensitive	8 - Other			
Month/Year	Agency Code	Other Agency	Clearance Code	Month/Year	Agency Code	Other Agency	Clearance Code

b. To your knowledge, have you ever had a clearance or access authorization denied, suspended, or revoked, or have you ever been debarred from government employment? If "Yes," give date of action and agency.

Yes	No
	X

Month/Year	Department or Agency Taking Action	Month/Year	Department or Agency Taking Action

27 YOUR FINANCIAL RECORD

Yes	No
	X

a. In the last 5 years, have you, or a company over which you exercised some control, filed for bankruptcy, been declared bankrupt, been subject to a tax lien, or had legal judgment rendered against you for a debt? If you answered "Yes," provide date of initial action and other information requested below.

Month/Year	Type of Action	Name Action Occurred Under	Name/Address of Court or Agency Handling Case	State	ZIP Code

b. Are you now over 180 days delinquent on any loan or financial obligation? Include loans or obligations funded or guaranteed by the Federal Government. (If an SF 171, Application for Federal Employment, will be attached, you do not need to repeat Federal Government delinquencies. See the instructions headed, "How is the SF 171 used with this form?")

Yes	No
	X

If you answered "Yes," provide the information requested below:

Month/Year	Type of Loan or Obligation and Account #	Name/Address of Creditor or Obligor	State	ZIP Code

Enter your Social Security Number before going to the next page

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28 YOUR ASSOCIATION RECORD

- a. In the last 15 years, have you been an officer or a member or made a contribution to an organization dedicated to the violent overthrow of the United States Government and which engages in illegal activities to that end, knowing that the organization engages in such activities with the specific intent to further such activities?
- b. In the last 15 years, have you knowingly engaged in any acts or activities designed to overthrow the United States Government by force? If you answered "Yes" to a or b, explain in the space below:

Yes	No
	X
	X

Continuation Space

Use the continuation sheet(s) (SF 86A) for additional answers to questions 9, 10, and 11. Use the space below to continue answers to all other questions and any information you would like to add. If more space is needed than what is provided below, use a blank sheet(s) of paper. Start each sheet with your name and Social Security Number. Before each answer, identify the number of the question.

After completing Parts 1 and 2 of this form and any attachments, you should review your answers to all questions to make sure the form is complete and accurate, and then sign and date the following certification and sign and date the release on page 10. If you attach an SF 171, Application for Federal Employment, make sure that it is updated and that any information added to the SF 171 is initialed and dated.

Certification That My Answers Are True

I read each question asked of me and understood each question. My statements on this form, and any attachments to this form, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement on this form can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

Signature (Sign in Ink)

Edward Richard Reutsem Jr.

Date

12/17/92

Enter your Social Security Number before going to the next page

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Carefully read this authorization to release information about you, then sign and date it in ink.

I Authorize any investigator, special agent, or other duly accredited representative of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, and any authorized Federal agency, to obtain any information relating to my activities from schools, residential management agents, employers, criminal justice agencies, retail business establishments, or other sources of information. This information may include, but is not limited to, my academic, residential, achievement, performance, attendance, disciplinary, employment history, and criminal history record information.


I Understand that, for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and other sources of information, a separate specific release will or may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

I Further Authorize the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, and any other authorized agency, to request criminal record information about me from criminal justice agencies for the purpose of determining my eligibility for, assignment to, or retention in, a sensitive position, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 9101.

I Authorize custodians of records and sources of information pertaining to me to release such information upon request of the investigator, special agent, or other duly accredited representative of any Federal agency authorized above regardless of any previous agreement to the contrary.

I Understand that the information released by records custodians and sources of information is for official use by the Federal Government only for the purposes provided in this Standard Form 86, and may be redisclosed by the Government only as authorized by law.

Copies of this authorization that show my signature are as valid as the original release signed by me. This authorization is valid for two (2) years from the date signed.

Signature (Sign in Ink) 		Full Name (Type or Print Legibly) Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.		Date Signed 12/17/92	
Other Names Used				Social Security Number 41 41 9 - 6 10 - 11 0 19 10	
Current Address (Street, City) 1810 Kalorama Square, NW, Washington			State D C	ZIP Code 2 0 0 0 8	Home Telephone Number (Include Area Code) (202) 234-7776

ADDENDUM # 1

15. Foreign Countries you have visited:

<u>Month/Year to Month/Year</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>
11/92-11/92	1	England and Belgium
5/92-5/92	1	Spain and France
2/92-2/92	2	Bahamas
2/92-2/92	2	Mexico
1/92-1/92	2	Spain
8/91-8/91	2	Mexico
8/91-8/91	1	Mexico, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Chile Argentina and Venezuela
2/91-2/91	1	Mexico
1/91-1/91	2	Mexico
11/90-11/90	1	Mexico
11/90-11/90	1	England, Belgium, Switzerland, France
8/90-8/90	2	Mexico
2/90-2/90	2	Mexico
1/90-1/90	1	Russia and England
5/89-5/89	1	Spain
3/89-3/89	1	England, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland
2/89-2/89	2	Mexico
1/89-1/89	2	England and Scotland
2/88-2/88	2	Mexico
2/87-1/88	1	Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan
2/87-2/87	2	Mexico
12/86-12/86	1	Canada
11/86-11/86	1	Denmark, Italy, Turkey
8/86-8/86	2	Mexico
5/86-6/86	1	Luxembourg, France, England
4/86-4/86	1	Mexico
2/86-2/86	2	Jamaica
1/86-1/86	2	Spain
8/85-8/85	1	France, Italy, Corsica
5/85-5/85	1	France
3/85-3/85	2	Bahamas
1/85-1/85	2	Jamaica
12/84-1/85	2	Bahamas
11/84-11/84	1	Spain, France, Belgium
8/84-8/84	1	Germany, Scotland, England
1/84-1/84	1	Spain, Switzerland
1/84-1/84	2	Jamaica
9/83-9/83	1	El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico
8/83-8/83	1	South Africa, Italy, Scotland
5/83-6/83	2	Jamaica
1/83-1/83	2	Spain

15. Foreign Countries you have visited:

<u>Month/Year to Month/Year</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Country</u>
11/82-11/82	1	England, Portugal, Spain
8/81-8/81	2	Scotland, England, France
2/81-2/81	2	Mexico
11/80-11/80	1	England, France
6/80-6/80	2	Abacos
1/80-1/80	1	Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea
8/79-8/79	2	Barbados, Trinidad
5/79-5/79	1	Mexico
10/78-10/78	2	Nicaragua
5/78-6/78	1	France, Switzerland
1/78-1/78	1	Panama, Costa Rica, Columbia, Venezuela
12/77-1/78	2	Mexico
11/77-11/77	2	Spain
5/77-5/77	1	Mexico
4/77-4/77	1	Mexico

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MEMORANDUM FOR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES

FROM: Counsel, Office of the President-elect

This memorandum confirms in writing your express consent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate your background or conduct appropriate file reviews in connection with the consideration of your application for employment.

The FBI investigation will include the collection and use of relevant information concerning your personal history, and it is necessary that you authorize the disclosure of such information to the FBI. Information may be disseminated outside the FBI when necessary to fulfill obligations imposed by law.

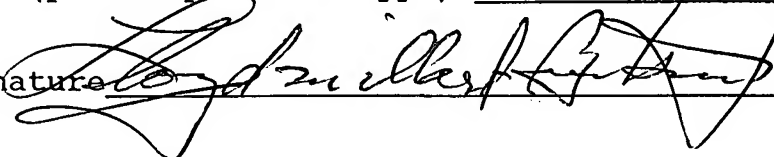
By volunteering information concerning activities protected by the First Amendment, it will be assumed that you are expressly authorizing the maintenance of this information in the records of any Federal agency.

If you consent to such inquiries, please sign your name below and return this original memorandum of consent to me.

Thank you.

Name (please print or type) Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.

Signature

 Date 12/7/92

SUPPLEMENT TO STANDARD FORM 86 (SF-86)
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

- 1S. Please list names of all corporations, firms, partnerships or other business enterprises, and all nonprofit organizations and other institutions with which you are *now*, or *during the past five years* have been, affiliated as an officer, owner, director, trustee, partner, advisor, attorney or consultant. In addition, please provide the names of any other organizations with which you were affiliated *prior to the past five years* that might present a potential conflict or appearance of conflict of interest with your prospective appointment. (Please note that in the case of an attorney's client listing, it is only necessary to provide the names of major clients and those that might present a potential conflict or appearance of conflict of interest with the prospective appointment).

See attached.

- 2S. Please list all your interests in real property, other than a personal residence, setting forth the nature of your interest, the type of property and the address.

None

- 3S. Have you or any firm, company or other entity with which you have been associated ever been convicted of a violation of any Federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If so, please provide full details.

No

- 4S. Have you or any firm, company or other entity with which you have been associated ever been the subject of Federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, please give full details.

No

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- 5S. Have you ever been involved in civil or criminal litigation, or in administrative or legislative proceedings of any kind, either as a plaintiff, defendant, respondent, witness or party in interest? If so, please give full details identifying dates, issues litigated and the location where the civil action is recorded.

Suit filed by Democratic opponent in 1988 primary, [redacted] with FEC claiming a public service announcement I made was a political ad. Suit was dismissed by Federal Election Commission.

WMF - FEC

6S. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to any court, administrative agency, professional association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, please give full details.

No

SA Check State & Local Elections Boards

7S. Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee or been identified in a public way with a particular organization, candidate or issue? Have any complaints been lodged against you or your political committee with the Federal Election Commission or state or local election authorities? If so, please describe.

1946-ran in Demo. primary for Hidalgo County judge; won; no general opponent.
1948-ran in Demo. primary for U.S. House of Rep.; won; no general opponent.
1950 & 1952 - reelection to U. S. House of Rep.; no opponents.
1970 - ran in Demo. primary for U.S. Senate; won. Ran in general election; won.
1976, 1982 & 1988 - ran in Demo. primary for reelection; won. Ran in general election; won.

8S. Are you currently, or have you ever been, a member or office holder in any club or organization that restricts or restricted membership on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, age or handicap? If so, provide the name, address and dates of membership for each.

No

WMF- FEC

9S. Please identify any adults (18 years or older) currently living with you who are not members of your immediate family. Provide the names of those individuals, dates and places of birth, and whether or not they are United States citizens.

None

10S. Is there anything in your personal life that could be used by someone to coerce or blackmail you? Is there anything in your life that could cause an embarrassment to you or to the President if publicly known? If so, please provide full details.

No

I understand that the information being provided on this supplement to the SF-86 is to be considered part of the original SF-86 dated _____ and a false statement on this form is punishable by law.


Signature

1	[REDACTED] #2 Limited Partnership, Houston, TX	Limited partnership	Limited partner
2	APC Building Limited Partnership, Houston, TX	Limited partnership	Limited partner
3	Triad Ventures Limited Partnership, Travis Co TX	Limited partnership	Limited partner
4	HJHC Limited Partnership, Mission, Texas	Limited partnership	Limited partner
5	Warwick condominium, Houston, Texas <i>HO-arrest</i>	Rental condominium	Proprietor
6	Bluebonnet Leasing, Inc., Washington, DC <i>W MF</i>	Corporation	President
7	Estate of Edna Ruth Bentsen, Mission, TX	Estate	Co-Executor
8	Estate of Lloyd M. Bentsen, Mission, TX	Estate	Co-Executor
9	Trust for [REDACTED] created under the will of Edna Ruth Bentsen	Trust	Trustee <i>b7C</i>
10	Trust for [REDACTED] created under the will of Edna Ruth Bentsen	Trust	Trustee <i>b6</i>
11	Trust for [REDACTED] created under the will of Edna Ruth Bentsen	Trust	Trustee
12	PPI Limited Partnership, Houston, TX	Limited partnership	Limited Partner
13	Bellfield Farm, Clarke Co., VA <i>RH-arrest/VA</i>	Proprietor	Proprietor
14	Crane Equipment Rental Ltd. Partnership, Hou. TX	Limited partnership	Limited Partner
15	C/M Associates, Houston, TX	Limited partnership	Limited Partner

Questionnaire for Sensitive Positions (For National Security)

Read this information carefully. Follow the instructions fully or we cannot process your form.

Why do we need the information you will give us and how will we use it?

The U.S. Government has conducted background investigations for over 50 years. It does this to establish that applicants for or incumbents in sensitive positions, either employed by the Government or working for the Government under contract, are eligible for a required security clearance or for performing sensitive duties. We use the information from this form primarily as the basis for an investigation that will be used to determine your eligibility for a national security position.

The information you give us is for Official Use Only; we will protect it from unauthorized disclosure. Authorized disclosures include the Privacy Act Routine Uses shown on this form. The information you provide in response to question 25a on use of illegal drugs will not be provided for use in any criminal proceedings against you.

Giving us the information we ask for is voluntary. However, we may not be able to complete your investigation, or complete it in a timely manner, if you don't give us each item of information we request. This may affect your placement or clearance prospects.

What authority do we have to ask you for the information requested on this form?

The U.S. Government is authorized to ask for this information under Executive Order 10450; section 2165 of title 42, U.S. Code; parts 5, 732, and 736 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, and other statutes authorizing background investigations. We ask for your Social Security number to keep our records accurate, because other people may have the same name and birth date. Executive Order 9397 also asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records.

What is the investigative process?

Background investigations for national security are conducted to develop information to show whether or not a person is reliable, trustworthy, of good conduct and character, and loyal to the United States. The information you provide on this form, including any specific agency instructions of Question 14c., and any other special instructions, is confirmed by investigation. Your current employer must be contacted, even if you indicated on your SF 171, or other form, that you do not want the present employer contacted. In addition to the questions on this form, inquiry also is made about a person's adherence to security requirements, mental or health disorders, dishonest conduct, sexual misconduct, vulnerability to blackmail or coercion, falsification, misrepresentation and any other behavior, activities, or associations that tend to show the person is not reliable, trustworthy, or loyal.

An interview with you is a normal part of the investigative process. This Personal Subject Interview is generally the first step in the investigation, and is conducted under oath, affirmation, or unsworn declaration. It provides you the opportunity to update, clarify, and explain more completely information on your form, which often helps to complete your investigation faster.

If your investigation requires a Personal Subject Interview, you will be contacted in advance by telephone or mail to arrange a time and location for the interview. It is important that the interview be conducted as soon as possible after you are contacted. Postponements will delay the processing of your investigation. Declining an interview may result in your investigation being delayed or canceled.

You will be asked to bring identification with your picture on it, such as a valid State driver's license, to the interview. There are other documents you may be asked to bring to verify your identity as well. These include: documentation of any legal name change; Social Security card; and/or birth certificate.

Documents that verify any significant claims or activities may also be requested, for example: alien registration; naturalization certificate; originals or certified copies of college transcripts or degrees; high school diploma; professional license(s) or certificate(s); military discharge certificate(s) (DD Form 214); marriage certificate(s); passport; and/or business license(s). You also may be asked to bring documents that pertain to information provided in your answers to questions on the form or other matters requiring specific attention. These matters include: termination or discharge from employment; delinquent loans or taxes, bankruptcy, judgments, liens, or other financial obligations; and arrests, convictions, probation and/or parole.

Who makes a final determination?

Final determination on your eligibility for a national security position and your being granted a clearance is the responsibility of the OPM or the Federal agency that requested your investigation. You may be provided the opportunity to personally explain, refute, or clarify any information before a final decision is made.

How is this form organized?

This form has two parts. Part 1 asks for background information, including where you have lived, gone to school, and worked. Part 2 asks about your activities and such matters as firings from a job, criminal history record, use of illegal drugs and alcohol consumption. In answering Part 2, you should keep in mind that your answers to questions are considered together with the information obtained in the investigation to reach an appropriate adjudication for a sensitive position.

What are the penalties for inaccurate or false statements?

The U.S. Criminal Code provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony which may result in fines of up to \$10,000, or 5 years imprisonment, or both. In addition, Federal agencies generally fire, do not grant clearance, or disqualify individuals who have materially and deliberately falsified these forms, and this remains a part of our permanent record for future placements. Because the position for which you are being considered is a sensitive one, your trustworthiness is a very important consideration in deciding your eligibility for security clearance. Your prospects of placement or clearance are better if you answer all questions truthfully and completely. In the course of an interview with a Federal official you will have

adequate opportunity to explain any information you give us on the form and make your comments part of the record.

How is the SF 171 used with this form?

For competitive civil service positions, a copy of the Application for Federal Employment (SF 171), or a form provided to you, will be attached to the SF 86. For certain other and contractor positions, the SF 171 is not required. You will be advised by the office assisting you.

How is this form filled out?

1. Follow the instructions of the person who gave you the form and any other supplementary information furnished by that person to assist you in completion of the form. Find out how many copies of the form you are to turn in. You must sign and date, in ink, the original and each copy you submit.

2. You will need a continuation sheet(s), SF 86A, if in the last 15 years you have lived in more than 6 residences, attended more than 3 schools, or had more than 7 employments/self-employments/unemployments.

If additional space is needed, use a blank piece of paper. Each blank piece of paper you use must contain your name and Social Security number at the top of the page.

3. Type or legibly print your answers. We cannot accept your form if it is not legible.

4. You must use the State codes (abbreviations) listed in the box below when you fill out your form.

5. The 5-digit postal ZIP codes are needed to speed the processing of your investigation. The office that provided you with the form will assist you in completing the ZIP codes.

6. Whenever "City (Country)" is shown in an address block, also provide in that block the name of the country when the address is outside the United States.

7. When providing dates, you may use numbers 1-12 to indicate months if you don't believe you have enough space to write the month; and for the same reason, for year you may show the last two numbers in the year. For example, June 8, 1967, could be shown as 6/8/67, or January 1984 could be shown as 1/84.

If you have any questions, call the office that gave you the form. Be sure to sign and date the certification statement on page 9 and complete the release on page 10. Any forms that are not completed according to these instructions will be returned. This will delay the processing of your case.

Alabama	AL	Hawaii	HI	Massachusetts	MA	New Mexico	NM	South Dakota	SD
Alaska	AK	Idaho	ID	Michigan	MI	New York	NY	Tennessee	TN
Arizona	AZ	Illinois	IL	Minnesota	MN	North Carolina	NC	Texas	TX
Arkansas	AR	Indiana	IN	Mississippi	MS	North Dakota	ND	Utah	UT
California	CA	Iowa	IA	Missouri	MO	Ohio	OH	Vermont	VT
Colorado	CO	Kansas	KS	Montana	MT	Oklahoma	OK	Virginia	VA
Connecticut	CT	Kentucky	KY	Nebraska	NE	Oregon	OR	Washington	WA
Delaware	DE	Louisiana	LA	Nevada	NV	Pennsylvania	PA	Wisconsin	WI
Florida	FL	Maine	ME	New Hampshire	NH	Rhode Island	RI	West Virginia	WV
Georgia	GA	Maryland	MD	New Jersey	NJ	South Carolina	SC	Wyoming	WY
American Samoa	AS	Dist. of Columbia	DC	Guam	GU	Northern Marianas	CM	Puerto Rico	PR
Trust Territory	TT	Virgin Islands	VI						

PRIVACY ACT ROUTINE USES

This record and information in this record may be used in disclosing information:

- To designated officers and employees of agencies, offices, and other establishments in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal Government, having a need to evaluate qualifications, suitability, and loyalty to the United States Government and/or a security clearance or access determination;
- To designated officers and employees of agencies, offices, and other establishments in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal Government, and the District of Columbia Government, when such agency, office, or establishment conducts an investigation of the individual for purposes of granting a security clearance, or for the purpose of making a determination of qualifications, suitability, or loyalty to the United States Government, or access to classified information or restricted areas;
- To designated officers and employees of agencies, offices, and other establishments in the executive, judicial, or legislative branches of the Federal Government, having the responsibility to grant clearances, to make a determination regarding access to classified information or restricted areas, or to evaluate qualifications, suitability, or loyalty to the United States Government, in connection with performance of a service to the Federal Government under a contract or other agreement;
- To intelligence agencies for use in intelligence activities;
- To any source from which information is requested in the course of an investigation, to the extent necessary to identify the individual, inform the source of the nature and purpose of the investigation, and to identify the type of information requested;
- To the Federal, State, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order where

there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation;

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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT, DIV 6, RM 4371, TL# 114

EXT: 4755 ATTN: PSS [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN

BUDED: 12/14/92

AKA(S):

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AN EXPEDITE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED SUBJECT, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK APPROPRIATE INDICES BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT, EMPLOYMENT, AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE RESULTS OF YOUR CHECK, WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, BE INDICATED IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW, AND RELAYED TO THE SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT, RM 4371, VIA ROUTING SLIP MARKED 'URGENT'.

SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

RESULT NAME: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN

DOB: 02/11/21

POB: SHARYLAND, TX

SSAN: 449-60-1090

CURRENT ADDRESS: 1810 KALORAMA SQ
WASHINGTON, DC 20008

EMPLOYMENT: UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

CLOSE RELATIVES

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TO: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ELSUR INDEX
ROOM 5331, TL 114

DATE: 12/10/92

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PRIORITY: _ EXPEDITE, WILL PICK UP;
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_ DATE NEEDED: 12/14/92

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_ FOIPA _ OTHER _____

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ADDRESS TO BE SEARCHED

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN

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* Relatives ONLY

RESULT NAME

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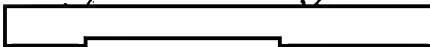


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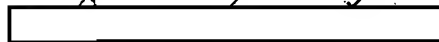
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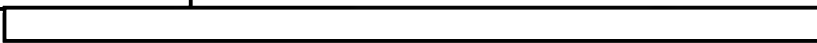
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Bank Fraud + Embezzlement
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Open 11/28/89 Closed 12/13/89

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DL

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[redacted]
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of them returned to
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evidence of any
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made by Bentley.
~~Bentley was not a~~
Subject.

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FROM: Director, FBI (161A - HQ - NEW) 1042024

TO: SACs, Houston (Enc.)
 Richmond (release form)
 San Antonio (Enc.)
 Saint Louis (release form)
 WMFO (Enc.)

LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.
 SPIN;
 OO: FBIHQ
 BUDED: 12/21/92

Enclosed for HO, SA and WMFO is a copy of Bentsen's SF-86 (including release of information form) dated 12/7/92.
 Enclosed for SL and RH is a release form)

Bureau has been requested by the Office of the President Elect (OPE) to conduct an expedite Level I background investigation (BI) of appointee in connection with a Presidential appointment (which requires Senate confirmation). Appointee was born February 11, 1921, at Sharyland, Texas, resides at 1810 Kalorama Square, Northwest, Washington, D.C., and has SSAN 149-60-1090.

Senator Bentsen is scheduled to furnish additional information concerning his background to the FBI. Additional leads will be set out at that time. Limited information obtained by FBIHQ is being provided to field offices to provide field with as much as time as possible to conduct lead coverage.

Field Offices are reminded that the investigative status of a BK, all deadlines and the position for which the appointee is being considered shall not be disclosed to any interviewees. If during the course of the investigation, interviewees provide the nature of the position, that information is not to be further divulged outside the FBI. Inquiries by interviewees concerning the nature of the position are to be handled as set forth in MIOG, Part II, Section 17-5 (5). Appointees making inquiries regarding the status of their BI are to be referred to the client agency.

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Direct results/questions to PSS [redacted] SPIN Unit, FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. 4755. If BUDED will not be met, telephonically advise PSS [redacted] and set forth reason(s) in Administrative section of investigative report. SPIN Unit facsimile numbers are: (202) 324-2574 and (202) 324-1373. 161A-HQ-1042024-2

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To: FBIHQ, SPIN UNIT
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Attn: _____

(Name)

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Room

Telephone No.)

From: FBI DENVER
(Name of Office)Subject: SENATOR LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN;
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SUBJECT: SENATOR LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN; SPIN; OO: BUREAU.

A SOURCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE

INFORMATION IN THE PAST, AND WHO REQUESTED THAT THIS

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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Date. 1-8-93

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December 29, 1992

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VIA TELECOPY

[REDACTED]
Special Inquiry Unit
FBI Headquarters
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Room 4371
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear [REDACTED]

I hereby authorize you to release the results of your background investigation on ~~Floyd Bentsen~~ [REDACTED] for purposes of granting a permanent top secret security clearance.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Summary memorandum dated 12/23/92 furnished to
DOJ, [REDACTED] on 12/31/92.

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BY COURIER

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[Redacted]
Counsel
Office of the President-Elect
1120 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear [Redacted]

In accordance with a request received from your office dated December 10, 1992, a Level I background investigation has been conducted concerning Senator Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation. Copies of news articles relating to Senator Bentsen are also attached.

This completes our investigation.

Referral/Consult

Sincerely yours,

LAP
Larry A. Potts
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

Enclosures (7)

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NOTE: This case was opened on 12/10/92. Senator Bentsen is currently a U. S. Senator from the State of Texas. He is being investigated for a Presidential appointment as Secretary of the Treasury, which requires Senate confirmation. Investigation revealed Senator Bentsen belongs to a social club which has not yet sponsored the membership of any African Americans: that Senator Bentsen's blind trust invested in [Redacted] numerous FEC complaints against Senator Bentsen, but none of which resulted in negative action taken. Investigation is complete.

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MAIL ROOM ☐

Per [Redacted] 12/23/92.
BI of Mr. Bentsen to be sent directly to him
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to DOS, [redacted] per
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President-Elect requested
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Honorable C. Boyden Gray

On 12/4/92, the results of an FBI regular name check were provided to [redacted] Office of the President-Elect Counsel.

NEXIS search was narrowed by using qualifying words conflict-of-interest and Breakfast Club.

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. BENTSEN COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

This summary memorandum contains the results of a Level I investigation concerning Senator Bentsen.

Birth

Senator Bentsen was born on February 11, 1921, in Sharyland, Texas.

Education

Senator Bentsen attended the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, from September, 1937, to June, 1942, receiving an LL.B. degree.

Military Service

Senator Bentsen enlisted and entered on active duty with the United States Army on April 11, 1942. He served on active duty until October 27, 1942, at which time he was honorably released as a Corporal. Thereafter, he accepted an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Army Air Corps. He served on active duty status until July 20, 1945, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve, inactive status, until December 6, 1945, then honorably discharged. He served in the Air Force Reserve, inactive status, from that time until January 16, 1959, when he was discharged as a Colonel. His service record is clear.

Employment

1945 to
1947 (intermittently
and exact dates not
verified)

Cox, Bentsen, and Taylor, and
later Evers, Cox, Porter,
Bentsen and Toothaker, McAllen,
Texas, as an attorney

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Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.

January, 1947, to
March, 1948

Hidalgo County, Hidalgo County,
Texas, as a county judge

December, 1948, to
January, 1955

United States House of
Representatives, Washington,
D.C., as a Congressman from the
State of Texas

1955 to
January, 1971

Consolidated American (later
merged with Lincoln Liberty Life
Insurance Company), Houston,
Texas, as President

December, 1989 to
December, 1991

Bluebonnet Leasing Company,
Incorporated, Washington, D.C.,
(now defunct), as President.
Senator Bentsen's comments
concerning the nature of this
business are contained in the
Miscellaneous section of this
summary memorandum.

January, 1971, to
the present

United States Senate, Washington,
D.C., as a Senator from the State
of Texas

Family Status

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Senator Bentsen is married to the former [redacted]
[redacted] who he has indicated is a United States citizen. They
reside at 1810 Kalorama Square, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Senator Bentsen's parents, Lloyd Millard Bentsen and
Edna Ruth Colbath Bentsen, are deceased. In addition to his
wife, Senator Bentsen has listed the following living close
relatives:

Son

Son

Daughter



Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.

Brother

Brother

Sister

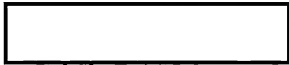


Interviews

Thirty persons, consisting of current and former colleagues, supervisors, coworkers, neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They provided favorable comments concerning Senator Bentsen's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. They stated they are unaware of any illegal drug use or alcohol abuse by Senator Bentsen, nor have they ever known him to exhibit any type of bias or prejudice against any class of citizen or any type of religious, racial or ethnic group. They also commented that they believe Senator Bentsen lives within his financial means. All persons interviewed recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed are the following:

Bob Dole, Senator from the State of Kansas, Washington, D.C.;

 Counsel to the Finance Committee, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.;

Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.;

George J. Mitchell, Senator from the State of Maine, Washington, D.C.;

Benton F. Love, former Chairman, Texas Commerce Bankshares, Incorporated, Houston, Texas;

Ken Lay, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Enron Corporation, Houston, Texas; and

Kirby Atwell, President, Travis International and former President, Lincoln Consolidated, Houston, Texas.

Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.

Financial Responsibility

A search of the computerized records of Equifax Credit Information Services, Atlanta, Georgia, conducted at FBI Headquarters in December, 1992, disclosed no pertinent information concerning Senator Bentsen.

Law Enforcement Agency Checks

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Senator Bentsen.

Bar Affiliations

Senator Bentsen is eligible to practice law in the State of Texas. According to information available, no grievances have been filed against him.

Miscellaneous

A search of NEXIS, a computerized news retrieval service, disclosed numerous news articles concerning Senator Bentsen. Numerous articles were disclosed which referred to Senator Bentsen's "Breakfast Club," which was started and disbanded in 1987. Lobbyists were invited to contribute \$10,000 to Senator Bentsen's re-election campaign in exchange for meeting with Senator Bentsen, assumedly to have the opportunity to express their special interests. Other articles reported that while Senator Bentsen had placed his financial holdings in a blind trust in 1988, thereafter, the trustee invested in a company [redacted] which could be construed as a potential conflict-of-interest. In addition, articles were disclosed reporting that following Senator Bentsen's campaign for the vice-presidency in 1988, he resumed membership in reportedly "all-white" social clubs.

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It should be noted that thousands of articles pertaining to Senator Bentsen were disclosed in NEXIS and some qualifying words were used to limit the request to a logical and feasible scope.

Senator Bentsen indicated on the Supplement to his SF-86 that he does not, and has not belonged to any club or organization that restricts, or restricted membership on the basis of sex, color, religion, national origin, age or handicap. A disclosed news article reported that Senator Bentsen rejoined three "all-white" private clubs after his Vice Presidential campaign. Representatives of the River Oaks Country Club and the

Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.

Ramada Club, Houston, Texas; and the Middleburg Country Club, Middleburg, Virginia, were contacted concerning any overt or defacto restrictive practices they may have.

River Oaks representatives advised there is nothing in its regulations precluding membership of any class of citizen; however, candidates for membership must be sponsored by two current members each, and to date, no African American candidate has been sponsored. River Oaks does currently have women and other minority members, including Hispanics and persons of the Jewish faith. Senator Bentsen is currently a member in good standing of River Oaks.

Ramada Club representatives advised they do not have restrictive admissions practices, and they currently have Hispanics, women, African Americans and other minority members. Senator Bentsen is currently a member, although for a short time he discontinued his membership because he did not believe he would get use out of the club at that time.

Middleburg representatives advised Senator Bentsen has not been a member of that club since early 1990.

Senator Bentsen's two personal interviews conducted by the FBI during this investigation are incorporated below.

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., UNITED STATES SENATOR, ROOM 703, HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D.C., was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the purpose of the interview, that being to ensure that complete, accurate and current information is available and obtained concerning the appointee to assist the FBI in conducting a thorough background investigation of the appointee for the position with the Federal government for which the appointee is being considered. The appointee voluntarily provided the following information:

The appointee was shown a copy of the Standard Form (SF-86) (and supplement) dated 12/7/92, which the appointee had completed and signed. Each of the appointee's answers to the questions on the SF-86 were reviewed with the appointee to ensure its accuracy and completeness. The appointee advised that the written responses to each of the questions on the SF-86 which he had completed were accurate and correct to the best of his knowledge and recollection.

The appointee advised that he had never used, sold or purchased any illegal drugs, including marijuana. The appointee also advised that he had never abused prescription drugs or alcohol.

The appointee advised that he has never had any financial problems which resulted in, but were not limited to, property being repossessed, debts placed for collection, filing for bankruptcy, nor has he been the subject of a tax lien or legal judgement rendered concerning a debt or had any delinquent student loans.

The appointee advised that he has been involved in a Federal Election Commission complaint in the past. However, could not remember the name of the individuals who filed the suit against him, the year it was filed, or any details whatsoever regarding the suit. He further advised that he is currently

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suing three individuals, identity he does not know, in Brazoria County, Texas. He stated that the records of this suit could be located under his name as he is the primary complainant.

The appointee advised he has never been involved in any criminal matter as a suspect or subject, nor has he ever been arrested for, charged with or convicted of any criminal offense.

The appointee advised he has never been denied employment, dismissed from any employment or left any employment under unfavorable circumstances or been denied a security clearance by any agency within the Federal government.

The appointee advised he has never visited, nor has he ever had any personal or continuing contact with representatives of any foreign country.

The appointee advised he has never received any type of psychological or psychiatric treatment or counseling.

The appointee advised he has never been the subject of any professional complaints or nonjudicial disciplinary action.

The appointee advised he has never been involved in any business or investment circumstances that involved conflict of interest allegations. The appointee was questioned as to numerous trust funds which were listed on the final page of the SF-86 and specifically asked whether or not any of these partnerships could be construed as conflicts of interest. The appointee emphatically stated "No".

The appointee was questioned as to his current relationship with the BLUE BONNET LEASING COMPANY. He stated that the company was dissolved approximately 24 months ago and that he has no relationship with the company whatsoever.

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The appointee was questioned as to his professional employments and individuals who could verify same. He stated from 1945 to 1946 he was in law practice with attorney, [redacted] in McAllen, Texas. He stated he was not sure, however, he felt Attorney [redacted] is now deceased. Continuing, he stated from 1946 until 1948, he served as County Judge in Hidalgo County, Texas. He stated individuals who could verify this employment are Attorney [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and

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Attorney [redacted] address unknown, believed to be practicing in McAllen. Also, Attorney [redacted] Austin, Texas, telephone number [redacted]

The appointee stated from 1948 until 1955, he served as a member of the House of Representatives. He attempted to recall individuals currently serving as members who could verify his employment, however, the effort met with negative results. From 1955 until 1971, he stated he was the President of Consolidated American Life Insurance Company, Houston, Texas, which merged with Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company, Lincoln, Nebraska. Individuals who could verify this employment are [redacted] Houston, Texas, telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] Houston, Texas, telephone number [redacted]

The appointee provided a list of his previous addresses and fingerprint cards which are hereto.

The appointee advised his oral responses to the above questions are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and recollection. The appointee advised he is unaware of anything that could, would or should prevent him from receiving a position with the United States government or be used to coerce or compromise him if he were to receive such a position.

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1. Previous addresses:

2700 Calvert Street., NW
Washington, DC 20007
1974-1977

2400 O Street, NW
Washington, DC 20007
1971-1974

5330 Inwood
Houston, Texas 77019
1965-1971

9030 Sandringham
Houston, Texas 77024
1956-1965

Betty Rose Circle
McAllen, Texas
1946-1955

5044 Millwood
Spring Valley, Washington, DC
1951-1955

RFD 2, Springbrook
Silver Spring, Maryland
1948-1951

Betty Rose Circle
McAllen, Texas
1946-1948

Served in U.S. Army Air Corps U.S.A., Brazil & Italy
1942-1945

Sigma Nu House
University of Texas
1002 W. 26th (current address)
Austin, Texas
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born in [] Texas.

April 11, 1942 - July 20, 1945
U. S. Army (Air Corps)

1945-1946
Law Practice with
McAllen, Texas

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1946-1948
County Judge, Hidalgo County, Texas

December 4, 1948 to January 2, 1955
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Did not seek reelection after 3 terms

1955-January 2, 1971
Founded Consolidated American Life Insurance Company
1518 Milam, Houston, Texas

July 1958, Consolidated American merged with Lincoln
Liberty Life Insurance Company, President
113 North 11th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
The Executive Offices remained in Houston, Texas

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., United States Senator, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and that he was being reinterviewed regarding information which had surfaced pertaining to his background investigation. Senator BENTSEN advised as follows:

Senator BENTSEN was questioned regarding his membership in clubs which it was believed currently do not have any black members. Specifically, he was questioned regarding his membership in the Middleburg Tennis Club in Middleburg, Virginia. He stated that he terminated his membership in this club approximately two years ago, and has not returned. Senator BENTSEN was then questioned regarding his membership in the Ramada Club of Houston, which was reported as an "all white private club." Senator BENTSEN stated that this was not a fact, and that there are black members of this establishment, and he continues to be a member of it. Continuing, Senator BENTSEN was questioned regarding his membership in the River Oaks Country Club of Houston, Texas. Senator BENTSEN stated that he has been a member of the club for more than 20 years, however, during the last 20-year period, he has not held any type of a position which could be construed as "policy making." He stated that his personal view of the club was one of rejection due to the fact that it did not have any black members, and that he subsequently terminated his membership in this club prior to running for the Vice Presidency approximately four years ago. Since that time, he stated that it has been brought to his attention that he overreacted and terminated his position. He stated that various members brought to his attention the fact that the club does not have in its bylaws any type of discriminatory admission practices, and that he should re-think his position, and again re-join the club. He stated that he re-joined and feels that it is not his position to condemn all of the club members due to the fact that no black member has specifically asked him to be their sponsor. Senator BENTSEN continued by stating that it should be noted that he was the supporter of the first black Federal Judge, who is female, in the State of Texas. He stated that he was the

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sponsor for the first black Federal Marshal in the State of Texas. He stated during his tenure as Senator he has sponsored three Hispanic judges in the State of Texas, and the first Hispanic United States Attorney. He stated that as far back as 1949, he voted to do away with the poll tax, and that he is extremely proud of his voting record when it comes to civil rights. He stated that he will remain a member of the River Oaks Country Club, and again stated that it was not his fault that no black members have asked for his sponsorship in this club.

Senator BENTSEN was questioned regarding any possible potential conflict of interest charges which might be brought against him regarding [REDACTED] Senator BENTSEN stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pertaining to the UNIVERSITY SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANY (USLC). He stated that [REDACTED] and will continue in the future. Senator BENTSEN could not [REDACTED]

Senator BENTSEN stated he has no interest in [REDACTED] matters, and has purposely not involved himself in the intervention of [REDACTED] due to a perception of conflict of interest.

Senator BENTSEN was questioned regarding his involvement in the BLUEBONNETT LEASING COMPANY (BLC). Senator BENTSEN advised that this company was established between December 19, 1989 and December 31, 1991, and was developed as a leasing company regarding the charter service of Miss Liberty, a luxury yacht. He stated that the management company of Miss Liberty was Priscilla Management located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He stated that the manager was [REDACTED] who could be located at [REDACTED]. He stated after December 31, 1991, he no longer had any contact with this leasing company. He stated that the complete nature of the business of the leasing company was to charter the boat through the management company, and that the management company would then send the leasing company a check, and that he would have no personal involvement in the leasing of this luxury yacht.

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Agency Checks

During the course of this investigation, the records of the following entities were checked and found to contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Senator Bentsen, unless otherwise noted in this summary memorandum:

[Redacted]

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Office of Personnel Management;
Public Integrity Section and appropriate
United States Attorneys,
Department of Justice;
Defense Clearance and Investigations Index;
Federal Election Commission (FEC);
Office of Senate Security;
State of Texas Office of the Attorney General;
State of Texas Board of Elections;
State of Texas Ethics Commission;
State of Texas Board of Insurance;
Securities and Exchange Commission;
United States Secret Service;
and the White House Office.

Records of the FEC disclosed numerous complaints filed against Senator Bentsen and his past campaigns.

Five complaints named the Dukakis/Bentsen campaign for improperly using campaign funds for placing advertisements or sending mailouts. In each of these violations, which did not involve personal action by Senator Bentsen, the FEC found no violation and no action was taken. Other complaints alleged:

(1) Senator Bentsen solicited campaign funds from a foreign national, based upon a New York Times report that he solicited contributions from a representative of a "Mediterranean country." The FEC's Office of General Counsel ruled on March 1, 1976, that they would not pursue the matter further since the article provided no evidence to support the claim, and since the only way to obtain more information was to interview the reporter which would lead to publicity that Senator Bentsen was under investigation. The FEC took no further action.

(2) Senator Bentsen used Presidential primary funds to benefit his Senatorial campaign. FEC ruled that the complainant (Bentsen's opponent for the Senate), did not set forth any evidence supporting the claim and closed its case without taking action against Senator Bentsen on April 1, 1976.

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(3) Senator Bentsen's 1976 Committee had exceeded petty cash limitations and had failed to appropriately identify recipients of expenditures in excess of \$100. FEC initially found reason to believe these violations had occurred and requested additional pertinent information from the Committee. After compliance with that request, the FEC recommended that its investigative reports be amended, showing that the Committee's response was satisfactory, no further action should be taken, and the case be closed on June 30, 1977.

(4) Senator Bentsen's 1976 Committee received a \$400 contribution from Triumph Industries, which would have constituted an improper corporate contribution. FEC contacted the corporation President who submitted documentation proving the contributions were personal contributions. No further action was taken by FEC and the case was closed on March 15, 1976.

(5) Senator Bentsen's 1982 election committee reported a \$79,850 "in-kind" contribution, which would be in excess of the \$17,500 limit. It was determined that the expenditure was incorrectly reported as an "in-kind" contribution on one committee report, but properly reported as a "coordinated" expenditure on another committee report, which would not have exceeded the limit for that type of expenditure. After an amendment was made, FEC ruled no further action and closed its case on August 19, 1982.

(6) Senator Bentsen's primary opponent (Joseph Sullivan) alleged that the National Alliance of Senior Citizens and the Texas Savings and Loan League paid for a substantial number of Senator Bentsen's campaign advertisements under the guise of "public service announcements." FEC investigated and on April 28, 1988, FEC found no elections laws violations by Senator Bentsen's campaign, nor by the two entities mentioned above. [This was the only FEC complaint indicated by Senator Bentsen on the Supplement to the Standard Form 86 (SF-86)]

(7) Senator Bentsen's dual candidacy for the Senate and the Vice Presidency would unfairly benefit him financially against opponents (filed by those in the State of Ohio specifically). FEC found no violation, took no action against Senator Bentsen or his committee and closed its case on November 30, 1988.

(8) The Dukakis/Bentsen Committee failed to report all of its campaign contributors inasmuch as it failed to report receipt of free rent (which would constitute a contribution). The Office of General Counsel of FEC found that, in fact, the

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Committee had violated election laws in this regard. Thereafter, as is usual procedure at FEC, the six Commissioners voted and concluded not to take any action against Senator Bentsen or the Committee, and closed the case on June 2, 1992.

(9) The Bentsen for Vice President-1988 Committee accepted a prohibited corporate contribution. During a routine audit the FEC disclosed a contribution made by Media Southwest for \$5,000 that was originally disclosed as a "partial payment-consultant" on Committee financial reports. The FEC Office of General Counsel found reason to believe that the Committee and its treasurer were in violation of accepting a prohibited corporate contribution; however, FEC commissioners voted against taking any action and closed the file on July 26, 1991.

On his Supplement to his SF-86, and during Senator Bentsen's routine interview, he advised he has been involved in an FEC complaint in the past, but could not remember any details. As a routine question, Senator Bentsen was asked if there were any civil or other suits in which he was involved, and he advised there was one of which he was a plaintiff. (The FBI does not review records in which candidates are plaintiffs.)

A check of the Texas Office of the Attorney General revealed a civil suit which named Mr. Bentsen individually and as executor of his parents' estate. That office provided court records in which the State of Texas filed suit against the Bentsen family for royalty monies not received. Mr. Bentsen's father and uncle owned property in Texas, which was reclassified as "mineral and grazing" land, the minerals of which were reserved to the State for the benefit of the Permanent School Fund. This land was leased several times, ultimately to an oil company. The State charged that it and the Permanent School Fund had not received any portion of the oil proceeds or royalties. On October 8, 1991, Mr. Bentsen, acting individually and as a co-executor of his mother's estate, and other defendants, entered into an agreement with the State of Texas. The agreement stated that the State was to recover \$322,725, plus an additional percentage of royalties awarded, which would be used to reimburse the Permanent School Fund. The terms of this agreement have been complied with and no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Bentsen was disclosed.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Nineteen individuals commented favorably concerning Senator Bentsen. No additional pertinent information was disclosed, and the results of that investigation are incorporated within this summary memorandum.

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Searches of the various indices of the FBI, including but not limited to the central index maintained at FBI Headquarters, the index of the Identification Division, the indices of appropriate field offices and other appropriate computer data bases, did not identify any documents that contain pertinent information identifiable with Senator Bentsen or his close relatives, except the following:

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[redacted] There was also no evidence that
Senator Bentsen had any association [redacted]
[redacted] in this matter [redacted]
[redacted] The FBI's investigation has
been closed.

It should be noted that results of the above indices searches reveal only data entered into those indices as of the date each was searched. However, it should be noted that some delays may occur as to the entry of such data.

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SECTION: News; Pg. 1B

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HEADLINE: Every vote counts, but not like these;
Members of electoral college are few, but their job is vital

BYLINE: Dennis J. McGrath; Staff Writer

DATELINE: Duluth, Minn.

BODY:

Bill Davis might be one of only 10 people in Minnesota who will really get to vote for president this year.

After the popular votes of a couple million Minnesotans are tallied, 10 residents will gather at the State Capitol in December and cast the presidential votes that really matter: the votes of the electoral college.

And Davis might be a member of that institution of higher politics, which has the power to overturn the popular vote, because he is one of the DFLers

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who has been chosen as a presidential elector.

The electoral college is receiving more attention than usual this year because of the possibility that because of Ross Perot's candidacy, the electoral college could choose a president who finishes second or third in the popular vote.

Although Davis, the state DFL Party treasurer, has been chosen as an elector, that doesn't necessarily mean he will be one come Dec. 14, when the electoral college meets. Davis, John Heegard of Austin and six other chosen DFLers (two others will be elected this weekend at the state DFL convention in Duluth) will serve as electors only if the Democratic nominee wins the popular vote in Minnesota.

There are 10 electors for each presidential candidate in Minnesota, one for each seat Minnesota has in Congress - two seats in the Senate and eight in the House.

If President Bush wins Minnesota, then his electors, selected by the state Independent-Republican Party, will be invited to the Dec. 14 meeting of Minnesota's part of the electoral college. Likewise, if Perot carries Minnesota, his electors, whom he must name when his supporters file his candidacy with the Minnesota secretary of state's office during the filing period in July, would be the official electors.

If all this is confusing, don't worry. After Heegard was elected, even he headed to the library to research his constitutional duties.

Typically, DFLers use the position of elector as a reward to party workers for years of loyal service. That's one reason Heegard, 35, was chosen as an elector at the DFL's First Congressional District convention.

"It was more or less an honor, something you could get for working for the party," he said. "I didn't realize it would turn out to be so interesting."

So when Heegard hit the library books, he learned that electors are not legally obligated to vote for their party's candidate. But the pressure to do so is intense, as Davis discovered in 1988 when, as a DFL elector, he raised the idea of voting for Jesse Jackson for vice president even though the team of then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen had won Minnesota. Davis, who is black, was dissatisfied with Bentsen because the senator belonged to a country club that had no black members, and because he created a breakfast club that provided special access for donors who contributed \$ 10,000 to his campaign.

Even though Dukakis had been thoroughly beaten by Bush nationally, and had no chance of winning in the electoral college, Davis still heard from the top Dukakis official in Minnesota, Pat Forciea.

"Pat wasn't very happy," Davis said, laughing. " . . . He wanted to make sure everybody was in step."

Davis, 40, of Minneapolis, ultimately voted for the entire Dukakis/Bentsen ticket, and he said he expects he will again cast his electoral college vote for the Democratic ticket this year, assuming a Democrat wins Minnesota.

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"I'm not legally bound, but I'm morally bound to follow the outcome of the vote in the fall election," Davis said.

Nevertheless, Davis, as well as some of the other DFL electors, is not enthused by the presumed Democratic nominee, Bill Clinton. Davis, for example, went to the state convention this weekend as a delegate still uncommitted in the presidential race.

So did Matt Little, an elector from the Third Congressional District. Little, 69, president of the Minneapolis chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is unhappy that Clinton has long tried to move the Democratic Party to the center. Little, of Richfield, will be a Minnesota delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York, and he plans to remain uncommitted so he can try to persuade Clinton to select a vice president who represents Little's progressive politics.

Does this mean that Little, as a presidential elector, might not vote for Clinton?

"It's conceivable, but I wouldn't predict anything like that," he said. "Under normal circumstances, unless something outrageous happens, I would feel obligated to vote for him."

Heegard, too, has been thinking about his obligations as an elector. He is not a delegate to the national convention, but favors a brokered convention because he is not inspired by Clinton.

In the meantime, Heegard has considered different scenarios, including this one: What if Clinton wins Minnesota, but Perot wins the First Congressional District, where Heegard lives?

"Then it would be a difficult decision," he said. Is his responsibility to the residents of the First District or just to the Democrats of the First District? "I would have to take that into consideration," he said. "But I still think I would cast the vote for Clinton."

SUBJECT: voting; election

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August 28, 1988

SECTION: Pg. 6

LENGTH: 690 words

HEADLINE: Bush tries to defend Quayle

BYLINE: By Michael White in Washington

BODY:

SENATOR Dan Quayle's vice-presidential aspirations still hung in the balance early this week amid reports that he once tried to campaign as a "Vietnam era veteran" and a counter-attack by Republicans on the integrity of his Democratic counterpart.

With little sign of an end to the controversy over the hawkish conservative's decision to serve in his local National Guard instead of Vietnam, Senator Quayle was pulled off the campaign trail and recalled to Washington for two days of intense coaching. Before ducking out he insisted that so far "the campaign has been a great deal of fun".

Mr Bush, who faced a veterans' rally in Chicago alone, was cheered when he launched an impassioned defence of his choice. In a formula designed to evoke memories of the anti-war movement of the Sixties, he roared: "He served honourably. He didn't go to Canada, he didn't burn his draft card, and he damned sure didn't burn the American flag. And I'm proud to have him at my side."

Republican and their media allies meanwhile stepped up assaults on the Democratic No. 2, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, focusing on his own son's entry into the National Guard in 1968 and on possible impropriety over the financial "blind trust" in which the powerful Texan holds his fortune.

But the Bush campaign managers' hopes that their own problems will collapse, without damaging their immediate post-convention 52 to 42 per cent lead over Governor Michael Dukakis, were hostage to two worries which could still drive him off the ticket if they go badly wrong.

One was exemplified by Newsweek's confirmation of rumours in New Orleans last week that, during his successful attempt to unseat Indian's liberal Senator, Birch Bayh, in 1980, Mr Quayle called himself a "Vietnam era veteran" in a campaign leaflet -- until real combat veterans complained.

The verbal sleight-of-hand seems likely to have been designed to mislead voters on a sensitive issue. What Republicans most fear now is that concrete proof will emerge of string-pulling for a well-connected young man anxious to avoid military call-up.

That would reinforce the impression that Mr Bush, as one pundit put it, is "running for president of a country club, instead of president of the country".

1988 Manchester Guardian Weekly, August 28, 1988

The US tabloids are still frothing about the man who hissed "draft-dodger" at Mr Quayle in a Cleveland church, and Playboy magazine's promise that Paula Parkinson -- the lobbyist with whom he went golfing along with less innocent colleagues -- will tell and bare all in its November issue.

The possibility of further damaging revelations about the 41-year-old Senator's record leads directly to the Republicans' other worry: that fresh disclosures would suggest either that Mr Quayle had deceived the Bush aides who vetted him or that they had botched their most important assignment.

In two breakfast television appearances, Mr Quayle denied that he was a liability to the ticket -- as Senator Bob Dole implied on Sunday -- and said things would change once "we get out on the campaign trail" and away from "innuendoes and rumours".

Democrats have been content to sit out the row on the basis of Woodrow Wilson's maxim "never murder a man who is committing suicide".

Republican activists were understandably keen to swallow their strong private misgivings and counter-attack.

They focused on Senator Bentsen, who denies "absolutely" that he pulled strings to get his 46-year-old son, Lloyd III, into the Texas Guard as an accountant between 1968-74, insisting that Lloyd managed it himself.

Potentially more damaging were suggestions that Mr Bentsen had spoken to the managers of his blind trust more often than he should have done, not least to help Lan Bentsen, another son, whose current liabilities exceed his assets by \$17.2 million to \$4.5 million.

Blind trusts are a device for avoiding conflict of interest among politicians and Mr Bentsen is supposed to confine his phone calls to cash withdrawals. Instead, he seems to have steered the trustees towards investing \$250,000 in Lan's ailing business.

In this most family-oriented campaign it may not be enough.

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March 11, 1990, Sunday, City Edition

SECTION: MAGAZINE; Pg. 23 p.

LENGTH: 5046 words

HEADLINE: The great gray hope;

At 69, Lloyd Bentsen has emerged as a father figure in a political party groping for an identity - and a way to win the White House in 1992.

BYLINE: By Curtis Wilkie, Globe Staff

KEYWORD: BIOGRAPHY-BENTSEN; INTERVIEW-BENTSEN; MAJOR STORY; US; POLITIC;
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

BODY:

One day last fall, after reading an account in The Washington Post of Gov. Michael S. Dukakis' troubles in Massachusetts, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas phoned his former running mate to commiserate. The conversation was an instinctive gesture to try to cheer up a friend, according to a Bentsen aide. Yet it symbolized the role reversal that has taken place between the two men since the 1988 election.

While Dukakis is scorned virtually everywhere, Bentsen is in demand as a speaker in many states. From the moment two summers ago when he accepted Dukakis' invitation to a place on the Democratic ticket, Bentsen's career has been in overdrive. The senator from Texas insists he has "no plans," but he has subtly maneuvered into a position to seek his party's next presidential nomination if he wants to become a candidate. If political fortunes could be charted on a graph, a rising line representing Bentsen's growth would probably intersect somewhere in the autumn of 1988 with another line measuring Dukakis' descent.

"He's taking a hard hit up there," Bentsen says, shaking his head sadly during an interview in his Senate office. "We talk from time to time. He calls me about pieces of legislation he's interested in. I call him up to see how he is, how Kitty is. They certainly were kind to us during the campaign."

So much has changed since then. Less than two years ago, Bentsen waited on Dukakis' call to take a supporting role. Today, it is the Texas senator who makes the solicitous calls. At 69, he has emerged as a father figure in a political party groping for an identity and a way to win the White House.

When Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr., the former governor of California, wanted a keynote speaker for a major Democratic fund-raising dinner in San Francisco in December, Bentsen was his first choice. Bentsen gets more requests than he can handle, and he did not immediately accept that one. So Brown persisted until he agreed to come. Brown, who is now Democratic chairman in California, says he sought Bentsen because "he showed a lot of stature and dignity in '88. He impressed a lot of people."

The Boston Globe, March 11, 1990

In fact, a Field Poll in California after the election found that if Bentsen had been on top of the ticket, the Democrats would have carried the state. California is very important to a presidential aspirant. The state provides the greatest bloc of delegates to the Democratic convention and intends to move up its presidential primary to a critical period immediately following the New Hampshire primary.

Nor was it a coincidence that Bentsen made an appearance last October in Iowa, where the first delegates of 1992 will be chosen in caucuses. "He likes to show a little leg in these states," says a Bentsen advisor. "It's a signal of some interest."

But Bentsen turned down an opportunity to speak next week at the New Hampshire Democratic Party's biggest dinner of the year on the grounds that too much activity in early primary states might be too blatant. In the words of Texas Democratic chairman Bob Slagle, who declined the invitation for Bentsen: "If he went to Iowa in the fall and New Hampshire in the spring, it would send a political message he is unwilling to send." Joseph Grandmaison, the Democratic chairman in New Hampshire at the time the invitations were made, says he was "flabbergasted" that Bentsen would pass up that significant forum.

Many Democrats do not really know Lloyd Bentsen; they have been wanting a closer look. In his outings last fall, Bentsen got mixed reviews. "It was a jump ball," says Ed Campbell, a veteran Democratic Party leader in Iowa, of the senator's appearance in his state. Bentsen did not appear sufficiently liberal to mollify some party activists, Campbell says, though he satisfied the moderates and conservatives.

Oddly enough, in San Francisco, which occupies the farthest, left-wing shore in America, Bentsen was received enthusiastically. West Coast liberals appear hungry for a winner and willing to set aside ideological purity for a mainstream candidate such as Bentsen. Beyond that, according to John Jacobs, a political writer for the San Francisco Examiner, Bentsen appeals to conservative Democrats who cherish their guns and their capitalism in California's vast central valley region in the heart of the state.

In January, Bentsen took a different kind of trip. He went to the Soviet Union, in his role as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to discuss the prospects of increased US-Soviet trade in the glasnost era. Visits to the Soviet Union have become obligatory for candidates seeking to burnish their foreign policy expertise.

Lloyd Bentsen smiles benignly when asked about his presidential ambitions. "I enjoy the speculation," he says in his stock answer, "but I have absolutely no plans." He says he expects to be "fully occupied" with his duties on the Finance Committee and insists that his speaking engagements are primarily designed to help the reelection of his Democratic colleagues who face election this year.

Nevertheless, Bentsen's friends say he would love to be president and will run if conditions are right. He is reserving a decision because he is prudent and wants to avoid the mortification that accompanied two earlier flirtations with higher office. Bentsen is said to bear scars from the humiliation of spending heavily and winning nothing in a 1976 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. His pride was further wounded in 1984 when Walter F.

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Mondale publicly tantalized him with the prospect of the vice-presidential nomination and chose, instead, Geraldine Ferraro.

With presidential politics currently at ebb tide, there is no urgency for Bentsen to declare his candidacy now. Some of the other putative Democratic candidates are preoccupied with reelection this year: Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee. And in contrast to the last couple of presidential campaigns, no one seems interested in establishing organizational beachheads in Iowa and New Hampshire two years in advance of their contests.

"Bentsen will play the deck and look at every card before he reaches a decision," says his friend and fellow Texan John C. White, a former national party chairman. He has the rest of this year, White thinks, to make up his mind.

Yet there are footprints of an incipient Bentsen campaign beyond his high-profile appearances in Iowa and California. An obvious example is the presence of Jack Martin, a trusted Bentsen operative from Texas, at the Democratic National Committee. Bentsen pushed him for a place on the committee, and Democratic national chairman Ron Brown actually offered Martin a ranking staff job. Martin agreed to an unpaid role as "senior advisor" to Brown. The position permits him to maintain his ties to Bentsen while enabling him to keep abreast of party politics around the country.

Martin is working in a number of states to develop "coordinated campaigns" this fall - exercises in which all statewide Democratic candidates will pool their resources for a massive get-out-the-vote effort. The concept is based on an operation Martin put together for Bentsen in Texas in 1982 that helped elect the Democratic ticket statewide.

Martin, who says Bentsen is "like a father" to him, talks cautiously about the political future over lunch in a quintessential Texas setting, an old brick barbecue house - said to be the best in the state - in Lockhart, a half-hour's drive from Austin. Against an aromatic backdrop of hickory smoke, Martin dismisses a comparison with Hamilton Jordan's role at the Democratic National Committee in the early 1970s, when Jordan used his job to cultivate contacts in many states for Jimmy Carter's 1976 presidential campaign, which he managed. "Does it give me some exposure that helps Bentsen? Yes. Is it singularly a Bentsen mission? No," says Martin.

Outside of Texas and the Senate, where he could probably count on many of his Southern colleagues for help, Bentsen does not have an extensive organization of well-connected political allies. "There are some of us he owns, lock, stock, and barrel," says Joe O'Neill, a lobbyist for the American Retail Federation who once worked on Bentsen's staff and returned to direct his 1988 vice-presidential effort. "He's got a longstanding group of players in Texas, but there's not a political network of people around the country."

Still, there are old friends such as Joe Cerrell, a veteran California political consultant. When Bentsen learned that the state party was doing little to publicize his San Francisco appearance, he asked Cerrell for help. On the day of the event, Cerrell was on hand to help ensure that Bentsen got proper press coverage.

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Bentsen also treated his Iowa appearance with more than routine attention, quietly calling for outside assistance in the preparation of his speech. He met separately with two of the party's more talented speech writers: William Galston, who once wrote for Mondale, and Robert Shrum, a professional wordsmith whose credits include Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's "The dream will never die" address at the 1980 Democratic convention. He obtained drafts from both men as well as his in-house speech writer, Bob Lehrman. According to Jack Devore, Bentsen's longtime spokesman, the three drafts were passed on to another Texas confidant, George Christian. "He liked what Christian sent back," Devore says, "but he still made extensive changes."

The basic message was a warning to Democrats that the party risks political oblivion unless it relates to gut issues exploited by George Bush in 1988 - issues such as patriotism and crime.

The most open advocate of a Bentsen candidacy is Robert Beckel, a well-connected Washington-based political consultant who managed the Mondale campaign in 1984. Though Beckel is a friend of both Martin's and O'Neill's, the Bentsen advisors deny that Beckel has been authorized to promote the idea of nominating Bentsen by acclamation. But they have not tried to silence him, and on the day Bentsen spoke in California in December, the San Francisco Examiner carried a front-page article about Beckel's plan to "clear the field" for the Texas senator in 1992.

Beckel makes the argument that if the party coalesces behind Bentsen, it would avoid a series of "bloody primaries" and unite the fractious party. Beckel has a litany of reasons why Bentsen would be the ideal nominee in 1992:

- He specializes in economic issues, which are likely to be key issues in 1992 as the East-West confrontation wanes.
- He has demonstrated an ability to rally most of the disparate elements of the party.
- He has a chance to regain a Southern base, which the Democrats have lost over the last 20 years.
- He has been a prominent figure for so long and been investigated so intensively by his Republican opponents that he is unlikely to be touched by some unexpected scandal.
- He poses no threat to a newer generation of Democratic leaders (Beckel names Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Sen. Tim Wirth of Colorado, Sen. Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri) who might consider Bush unbeatable in 1992 and prefer to run for president four years later.

In making his case for Bentsen, Beckel does not mention the unsuccessful precedent set by Edmund S. Muskie and Walter Mondale, vice-presidential candidates who survived losing campaigns with their credibility intact and decided to run for president. Strategists attempt but it is clear in conversations with them that they have thought a lot about 1992.

"Beckel's premise is that the Democrats need someone with an established base and credibility," says Joe O'Neill in an interview in his office around the

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corner from the White House. He essentially agrees with Beckel's theory, but adds that if Bentsen decides to run, he will not attempt to claim the Democratic nomination as "divine right."

Bentsen's presidential campaign in 1976 was a disaster, O'Neill recalls, because he used a "Rooseveltian approach." Bentsen presented himself as a moderate who could "make business and labor work together," as a statesman-politician.

"The way for the Democrats to run in '92 is to be pro-active," says O'Neill. "We have to establish our credentials as a party that doesn't run counter to traditional American values." With his war record and background in business, Bentsen would not be accused of dwelling on the leftist fringes of American society. He is a creature of the Establishment.

Although he was not well known outside the circles of the political cognoscenti until 1988, Lloyd Bentsen has been a fixture in Texas politics for more than 40 years. During that time, he became known for two characteristics that were woefully lacking at the top of the Democratic ticket in 1988: a willingness to use rough tactics and an ability to set aside differences with vanquished enemies in order to build a coalition.

He was first elected to Congress in 1948 after returning from World War II with a Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded for his service as an Army Air Corps bomber squadron commander in Europe. He gave up his office after only six years in the House to go into business in Houston, but he never really left politics.

The chief executive of Lincoln Consolidated, a giant holding company in Houston, Bentsen also became one of the most important financial agents for the Texas Democratic Party, which was dominated at the time by Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and House Speaker Sam Rayburn. Bentsen operated behind the scenes, but his wife, Beryl Ann - who is called B.A. by her husband and friends - was appointed Democratic national committeewoman from Texas.

"After Mr. Sam died, it was Johnson, John Connally, and Bentsen who ran Texas in the '60s," recalls one Texas politician.

They were known as the Tory Democrats, representing the interest of wealthy conservatives who were linked to Texas oil money. For years the Tory Democrats feuded with the populist wing of the state party, led by Sen. Ralph Yarborough. It was in an attempt to settle this long war that President John F. Kennedy went to Dallas in November 1963.

"Bentsen was a prominent Democratic player at this time. He had been close to Rayburn in the House, and he was close politically to Johnson and his organization," says George Christian, a political consultant in Austin who served as Johnson's press secretary at the White House.

"He thought about running against Yarborough in '64, but Johnson advised against it. When he decided to run against Yarborough in '70, Johnson stayed out of it. He didn't want Bentsen to run. He didn't think he could win," Christian recalls.

It was one of the most bruising campaigns in Texas history. Yarborough was complacent at the beginning. He dismissed his opponent as an "insurance

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promoter," and he called Bentsen's father, a land developer in south Texas, "a pirate." Lloyd Bentsen Sr. - "Big Lloyd" - had been accused over the years of luring Scandinavians from the frigid Midwest to the arid, worthless lands of south Texas.

"Yarborough took after me and my father, so I went after him," Bentsen says. "I normally don't pick a fight. I might walk across the street to avoid one, but I won't walk around the block to do so."

Bentsen retaliated with a devastating series of television commercials that branded Yarborough a dangerous liberal. One spot suggested that Yarborough sympathized with the antiwar demonstrators who were caught up in rioting in Chicago during the 1968 Democratic convention.

Yarborough was bewildered by the counterattack and did not seek assistance until it was too late. Only days before the primary, Yarborough and his top aide, Gene Godley, sought counsel from Charles Guggenheim, a political filmmaker close to the Kennedy family. Guggenheim showed Yarborough some sample TV spots. The incumbent was impressed. "Gene," he said, poking his assistant in the ribs, "we got to get us some of them." Guggenheim had to explain that he could help if Yarborough survived the primary, but there was no time to combat Bentsen.

On the strength of his negative media campaign, Bentsen won 53 percent of the vote and ousted Yarborough. Ironically, Bentsen's portrayal of Yarborough as a radical left-winger was a precursor of the Republican campaign that was used against Dukakis in Texas and other conservative areas in 1988.

Bentsen did not waste a great deal of time celebrating. Within days of the primary, he appeared unannounced at the doorstep of Bernard Rapoport, a Waco businessman who was a Yarborough supporter and a leader of the liberal movement in Texas.

"It was a Saturday night, about 9 o'clock," Rapoport recalls. "I remember opening the door, and there was Lloyd Bentsen and one of his aides. Bentsen said to me: 'I wonder if a fellow can get a drink of Scotch in this neighborhood.' I said: 'Come in.' I had never even met the man before. You've got to remember that the chasm was very deep, and he had beaten our hero. But we had a good visit. I liked him, and we became good friends."

Most of the populists had been muttering about voting for the Republican candidate, George Bush, then a congressman from Houston, in the general election that fall to spite Bentsen. But in the end they decided to support the Democrat after all, and Bentsen easily defeated Bush.

Animosity lingers among a few Texans. Ronnie Dugger, the publisher of The Texas Observer, a maverick weekly that has championed liberal causes for years, is still unreconstructed. He calls Bentsen's 1970 campaign against Yarborough "assassination by TV," and adds, "I don't see why it should be forgotten. It stank then and it stinks now." Dugger says that nothing Yarborough used against his challenger justified Bentsen's "equating Yarborough with the Viet Cong."

Dugger, in an interview in New York last month, said he saw no difference between Bentsen and Bush; he considers them both champions of big oil and big business in Texas. The best Dugger can say of Bentsen is that "he is a very sophisticated politician who can make a liberal-sounding speech to a labor

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union."

Virtually all of the other Texas liberals, however, have made their peace with Bentsen. In 1982, Bentsen threw his enormous resources into the first "coordinated campaign" directed by his aide, Jack Martin, and helped elect the Democratic slate. "That is the point where his status as a political institution in Texas took a quantum leap," says Martin. The ticket included liberals such as Treasurer Ann Richards, Attorney General Jim Mattox, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

These officeholders are still grateful for Bentsen's support and are active in a state party that he now controls with the same power that Lyndon Johnson once exercised. In Texas, politicians no longer speculate over Tory Democrats, populists, or divisions within the state party. Bentsen is the lone prevailing element inside the party today.

Over the years Bentsen has been able to transcend the cultural gulf between the temples to oil and real estate interests on the skyline of Houston and the impoverished barrios of the Rio Grande Valley. The senator may look as if he belongs on Savile Row, but he speaks Spanish fluently and has a strong following among the tens of thousands of Mexican-Americans in his native south Texas.

"At this point, Bentsen's organization is much more diverse than Johnson's," says George Christian. "When Johnson was a power in the state, before he became president, his organization was basically white and male. Times were different then. It was composed of old-time public officials with local influence.

"Bentsen started out with the same type of group in 1970. It was about all he could get together. But he began after the primary to meld as much of the Yarbrough organization as he could, and in the following years he solidified his organization with both business and labor. He has blacks and whites and browns and women, with a strong overlapping of independent voters. Conservatives are comfortable with him, most liberals are comfortable with him."

With his sonorous voice and dignified manner, Lloyd Bentsen is not an exciting figure. During speeches, he talks evenly to his audience, gently wagging a finger or gesturing with his eyeglasses in his hands, instead of shouting or preaching. It is a Father Knows Best approach. Watching him in action, Katherine Reback, a Hollywood screenwriter, once remarked, "If I were getting married, and my father wasn't available, I'd ask Lloyd Bentsen to walk me down the aisle." He is a disciplined performer, not given to surprises.

That is why his dramatic TKO of Dan Quayle ("You're no Jack Kennedy") in the vice-presidential debate was so stunning. As he prepared for the debate, his aides say, Bentsen expressed exasperation that the Republicans were not only successfully identifying with Democratic issues, such as the environment, but with Democratic heroes, such as Roosevelt and Truman. He was waiting for Quayle, who had been invoking John Kennedy's name during the campaign, to use the reference in the debate. When Quayle did, Bentsen pounced like a mongoose.

Last year, at a book party in Washington to celebrate the publication of *Whose Broad Stripes and Bright Stars?*, Jack Germond and Jules Witcover's campaign history, Quayle showed up. Quayle is eviscerated in the book, but he had the grace to use a variation of Bentsen's debating point when he spoke at the party. Quayle concluded by telling the authors, "You're no Teddy White,"

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referring to the writer who pioneered campaign books. Bentsen appeared at the same party a few minutes after the vice president had left. "I hear Quayle's been stealing my lines," he said with a smirk.

As 1990 unfolds, Bentsen's congressional concerns are serious but not terribly sexy: ensuring more equitable foreign trade; attracting greater personal savings; decreasing interest rates; restoring a broader Individual Retirement Account program; improving health care for children. All of the issues are in the purview of his committee, but these predominantly financial issues rarely carry the passion involved in fights over social programs, Supreme Court nominees, or foreign policy.

Last month Bentsen came out in opposition to the most interesting Democratic gambit on the fiscal front: Sen. Daniel Moynihan's bill to roll back an increase in the Social Security tax.

While four of his Democratic colleagues are embroiled in a scandal over their role in trying to rescue savings and loan operator Charles Keating, Bentsen has been untainted. Because of his position, Bentsen is regularly approached by private interests seeking favors. "He doesn't mind saying no," one friend says. As a result, the friend adds, Bentsen has been able to avoid major trouble.

His greatest embarrassment came a few years ago when he attempted to institute breakfast meetings with lobbyists. He charged each lobbyist \$ 10,000 for the privilege of his company. When word leaked out, Bentsen terminated the program, refunded the money, and admitted that he had committed a "doozy" of a mistake.

At the same time, there is no member of Congress who attracts more contributions from political action committees than Bentsen. Many Democrats turn down PAC money as a matter of principle. Yet repeated inquiries by the Federal Election Commission have failed to find any evidence of irregularities in Bentsen's relationship with PACs. Bentsen has also put his personal fortune in a blind trust in an effort to insulate himself further from charges of conflict of interest.

He is sometimes called "Loophole Lloyd" around Capitol Hill for his work in drafting legislation that gives tax benefits to the oil and gas industries that have powered Texas for so many years. Bentsen has also been able to win the allegiance of organized labor. In 1988, he tied its pet priority - a bill that mandated a 60-day warning before plants could be closed - to a trade bill. After a spirited fight, President Reagan dropped his objections to the measure, and the plant-closing bill was passed independently of the trade bill and became law.

Over the years, Bentsen has become increasingly adroit in reaching out to diverse constituencies. Even though he is perceived as probusiness, the scion of a wealthy rancher, and a chamber of commerce character in a party traditionally aligned with the working class, Bentsen is popular among minority voters.

As a young congressman he voted to repeal the poll tax - a Southern device designed to discourage black voters - and his Senate record on racial matters has won him the support of most civil rights organizations.

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There was a flap late last year when it was learned that Bentsen had rejoined three all-white private clubs: the Ramada Club and the River Oaks Club in Houston, and the Middleburg Tennis Club in the Virginia countryside outside Washington. He had resigned from those clubs in 1988 during the presidential campaign.

"I dropped out in deference to Dukakis," Bentsen explains. "I did it quietly, but a reporter found out about it. When I was no longer on somebody's ticket, I rejoined." He says he enjoys the company of the club members and has no apologies. "I helped integrate the first hotel in Houston. I voted to do away with the poll tax in 1949 - one of only two from Texas to do so. With my record on civil rights, I'm not worried about these clubs."

Bentsen shows little inclination to take flamboyant stands at this point in his career, and his congressional objectives this year represent an agenda as sober and gray as the suits he favors. "Competitive" is a word he uses often these days. American businesses should be more competitive, he believes, and should be supported by government policy that is competitive with foreign producers.

"I think we ought to be keeping America No. 1 - competitive," he said in an interview during the calm after the 1989 session of Congress was adjourned. "We are under assault from tough economic competition by other countries, including our allies and friends. We have to turn that around or see a loss of our standards."

Like his rhetoric, his office is understated. There are few framed awards or photographs of Bentsen with the powerful and famous on the walls of the reception area; these pictures are confined to his inner office, which also holds Texas artifacts and his own antique furniture. But the most conspicuous item in the room of this exponent of balanced trade is imported - an expensive Persian rug. "It's not Senate issue," he says with a wink, but from his private stock.

While he laments that foreign businesses have taken over markets for products conceived in the United States - color television sets, videocassette recorders, fax machines, and microwave ovens - Bentsen eschews protectionist measures. Instead, he contends that the Democrats should "be the party that dismantles barriers to trade."

In partisan speeches Bentsen also emphasizes the theme that his advisor Joe O'Neill mentioned: the importance of Democrats' rallying behind "American values." He told his audience in San Francisco in December: "Americans should know that we can get a lump in our throat when we see the flag; that our sympathy is for the victim of an assault, not the thug making one. . . . We must demonstrate, to middle-income Americans especially, that we do not repudiate their values but embrace them." He warned: "Until we do away with the ideological litmus tests we will not regain the presidency."

If Bentsen chooses to run in 1992, he will be 71 years old, two years older than Reagan was during the 1980 campaign. His age would undoubtedly raise questions, but at a stage in life when most men are retired, Bentsen looks remarkably fit. He is tall and cowboy-lean, and his hair is senatorial gray. His friends say that he still plays a vigorous game of tennis.

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Those who defend Bentsen's age point to his father's longevity. Big Lloyd was still lucid and running the family's massive ranch in 1988, at the age of 94, when his son ran for vice president. He died as a result of a car accident a year ago.

There is a poignant story about Big Lloyd's funeral that reflects the bond between Bentsen and Dukakis. Rather than bother Bentsen, the Massachusetts governor arranged his own flight to south Texas, asked to be booked into an inexpensive motel, and planned to take a taxi to the services. When Bentsen heard of his plans, he met Dukakis at the airport and took him back to the family homestead to spend the night.

During the 1988 race, it was Dukakis who repeatedly made allusions to a marathon, but Mike McCurry, who served as Bentsen's campaign spokesman, says it was the vice-presidential candidate who had "the soul of a marathoner."

"Bentsen understands his own energy level and measures it out," says McCurry, who is now the communications director for the Democratic National Committee. "He recognizes his age, but he's a scrapper. He insisted on a schedule that allowed him an opportunity to be at the highest energy level. He was not hell-bent to crisscross the country twice a day."g paces, and it wasn't until election night that he lost his voice."

Bentsen smiles at the memory. In 1988 he was clearly a man enjoying his mission, in contrast to his presidential campaign 12 years earlier, when he looked wooden and uncomfortable. "It was obvious in '76 that I got into the race far too late to do anything," he recalls. "In '88, it was never obvious to me that we would lose. I didn't accept defeat as inevitable, not even when I made my last speech at 3 a.m. in Austin on Election Day."

Before dawn, his campaign plane landed for the last time at the Texas capital after tens of thousands of miles of travel. "When I stepped off that plane in the darkness, there was a huge crowd at the airport waiting. They lit up the night with sparklers."

He smiles again as he recollects his final hours as a national candidate. At mid-passage between election years, Bentsen looks like a man who would be willing to do it all over again.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHELE MCDONALD/THE BOSTON GLOBE 1. The Democratic candidates in '88. "He's taking a hard hit up there," Bentsen says of Gov. Dukakis' political misfortunes in Massachusetts. / Paul R. Benoit/The Boston Globe 2. Bentsen campaigning in Omaha in 1988: "The soul of a marathoner." / Paul R. Benoit/The Boston Globe 3. Lloyd Bentsen / Photograph by Michele McDonald / The Boston Globe

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HEADLINE: Bentsen Trust Invested in Son's Firm;
Dukakis' Running Mate Acknowledges Steering Lan Bentsen to Trustee

BYLINE: Charles R. Babcock, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's (D-Tex.) blind trust invested more than \$ 250,000 late last year in a business run by the senator's son Lan, after the Democratic vice presidential nominee steered his son to the trustee, the senator said yesterday.

The Ethics in Government Act of 1978 says trustees handling blind trusts for public officials must be "independent of and unassociated with" the official who is the trust's beneficiary "so that the trustee cannot be controlled or influenced" in administering the fund.

The law also says the trustee must be free to buy and sell assets, and can communicate with the public official only in writing about trust activities and even then, only in general terms.

Bentsen said in a telephone interview that he did not think his dealings appeared to violate the required arms-length relationship with the trustee, the Texas Bank of Commerce.

He said he sent friends with investment suggestions, in addition to his son, to see the trustee. Bentsen said he always told bank officials, "It's your decision and I don't want to know about it."

In releasing personal financial information Wednesday, Bentsen said the Senate-approved trust agreement he set up in 1979 "doesn't contain certain provisions which appear to be required by statute."

Bentsen said yesterday he was surprised to learn the document did not meet legal standards and he has revised it to comply with more stringent executive branch standards.

He said he set up the blind trust for three reasons: So his public service would not be a burden on his family, to avoid conflict of interest problems, and because he did not have time to manage his holdings himself.

The trust has held millions of dollars in family-owned properties and corporations, although the exact amount cannot be determined from records made public by Bentsen.

The senator said he probably will not put those investments back into the reformed trust because he cannot help but see the properties and learn how the companies are doing.

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When Bentsen set up the trust, he owned hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock in Texas Commerce Bank, of Houston, although he said yesterday he was a "very, very minor" stockholder.

In mid-1984 he directed the bank to hire Criterion Management Investment Co. as asset manager for the trust. The senator's wife, B.A., was paid \$ 60,000 last year in directors' fees by a family of Criterion mutual funds. Bentsen said his wife recently resigned the post because of the time commitments of the campaign.

David Martin, who headed the executive branch's office of government ethics from 1983-87, when told of Bentsen's naming of Criterion as asset manager and sending his son to the bank, said the dealings did not appear to be at arms' length. "The problem is that it's like being a little bit pregnant," Martin said. "You can't have a trust be partially blind. Someone with the highest motives who wants to live with these rules defeats the independence and the blindness by directing the trustee" to take any action.

Alexander Horniman, who teaches ethics at the University of Virginia business school, said Bentsen's actions would cause "a naive perceiver to repond, 'Wait a minute.'" Horniman said any dealing that makes the relationship appear less than arms-length "violates the spirit of what a blind trust is all about."

Bentsen said in the interview yesterday that he had planned to resume managing his own financial portfolio in mid-1984. He directed the bank to send him all his assets except one investment in a firm owned by another son, Lloyd III, and those from his mother's estate. "A fellow decides he can do better," the senator said. But he said he soon found out he did not have time and sent the holdings back to the trustee.

Bentsen's financial records show he has made several investments in his two sons' business ventures. "I have a great love for my sons. I invested in their futures," he said. He said the transaction between his trust and son Lan late last year was to convert a personal loan to equity in Lan's business, Performance Property Management Inc. of Houston.

The senator said he thought it was proper for his trustee to take into consideration "how a father would react" if his son came to him with such a proposition. "I think that's fair enough, that in carrying out a trust, one of the elements a trustee would consider is how would the parent react." But he emphasized he left the decision up to the trustee.

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HEADLINE: When It's Better to Give Back and to Receive

BYLINE: By RICHARD L. BERKE, Special to the New York Times

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BODY:

They say you can't unscramble an egg. But Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas seems to have come fairly close.

He has managed to open up, and close down, a special club for campaign contributors, to return their money and then get much of it back again.

Mr. Bentsen disbanded his \$10,000-a-member breakfast club last February, calling it "a doozy" of a mistake. He had been roundly criticized for offering to meet monthly over breakfast with lobbyists and directors of political action committee that gave the maximum contributions to his 1988 re-election campaign.

"I really blew it," Mr. Bentsen, a Democrat who is chairman of the influential Senate Finance Committee, said at the time. He then refunded the \$92,500 collected by his club, officially named the "Chairman's Council" but dubbed "the Eggs McBentsen show" by some.

Even without the eggs, though, cash is flowing back into the Senator's campaign coffers.

In recent months the same lobbyists and political action committees that got refunds from Mr. Bentsen have turned around and made out new checks directly to the Senator's re-election campaign.

Of the \$92,500 refunded, \$54,000 has been returned to Mr. Bentsen by the original contributors. And the Senator's aides hope to recover the full amount.

"I would expect that all of the same people will contribute again, but not through the Chairman's Council," said Jack R. DeVore Jr., a spokesman for Mr. Bentsen. "They will contribute to Senator Bentsen's re-election campaign."

Those who received refunds have not been approached again by the Bentsen re-election campaign, but Mr. DeVore left open that possibility. "There's no reason not to solicit these people," he said.

'A Question of Appearance'

Asked why Mr. Bentsen refunded the donations, only to accept money again from the same contributors, Mr. DeVore said: "I'm not sure of that myself. It was purely a question at that time of appearance."

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In the first six months of this year, Senator Bentsen collected \$3.7 million in contributions, including \$1.1 million from political action committees, far more than any of the other 32 Senators facing re-election in 1988. He has collected more cash this year than his colleagues who sponsored similar exclusive clubs and did not dissolve them.

Mr. Bentsen became known for his skill at soliciting contributions in the 1984 elections, when he was head of the campaign committee for Democratic senators. He has been particularly successful at raising funds from a range of political action committees, particularly those sponsored by corporations, because of his position on the Senate Finance Committee.

Several lobbyists said they considered Mr. Bentsen one of the most powerful Senators because of his committee post. He is also considered responsive to the needs of business on tax, trade and other issues, and he is a senior member of the panels on commerce, taxation and intelligence.

Ordinary Eggs, Too

"We decided long before there were periodic breakfasts that we were going to contribute the legal maximum to Senator Bentsen," said Richard F. Goodstein, Washington lobbyist for Browning-Ferris Industries, which is based in Houston.

"And," he said of the breakfasts themselves, "the scrambled eggs weren't anything out of the ordinary, believe me."

A political action committee may give a candidate \$5,000 in a primary and \$5,000 in a general election. The Browning-Ferris PAC had already given Mr. Bentsen \$2,000 when the breakfast club was formed. Then, in early February, the PAC gave him \$8,000.

One month later Mr. Bentsen refunded the \$8,000. But by April the PAC wrote out to the re-election campaign new checks totaling \$8,000.

The Browning-Ferris PAC was not alone. So far, seven lobbyists and eight political action committees have contributed again to the Bentsen campaign after receiving refunds from the breakfast club.

'Never Put the Arm on Me'

"He didn't handle the breakfast club right, but I happen to like Bentsen personally," said Tom Nemet, chairman of the Auto Dealers and Drivers for Free Trade PAC on Long Island. "On our issue he's no good. But when somebody's on a Finance Committee, it is always important that all doors are open."

Mr. Nemet said his PAC got back \$5,000 from the breakfast club but decided to contribute directly to the re-election campaign anyway. "Bentsen and none of his people have ever put the arm on me," he said. "Never."

William J. Baer, a Washington lawyer and lobbyist, said it was not surprising that the money bounced back to Mr. Bentsen, considering the high cost of elections today.

"Most of the folks who gave know Bentsen needs the money," said Mr. Baer, who has testified before Congress for legislation that would limit campaign

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spending. "This shows how fundamentally flawed the current system is because members have to go back repeatedly for contributions."

One longtime supporter of Mr. Bentsen, Timothy P. Furlong, said the breakfast club controversy was overblown. The idea of breakfast was a "marketing tool," he said, explaining that most people who attended the first breakfast would have given to the Senator anyway.

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BODY:

The day Lloyd Bentsen's class at the Sharyland Elementary School held a sweetheart election, everybody saved lunch money so each could pay a penny, some even a nickel, for the girl they wanted to be their homeroom queen - and there were several quite popular choices.

The way schoolmate Joe Kilgore remembers it, young Lloyd - 7 years old, maybe 8 then - was bent on getting his own girlfriend elected. And so he quietly made the rounds in the tiny Mission, Texas, school, organizing his buddies and convincing them that his choice was the best choice. It was a performance so artful, said Kilgore, that by the time the tally was in, Bentsen had raised "the overwhelming sum of sixty-seven cents."

"He just had this way of pulling people together around things," Kilgore said. "It wasn't his family's money, you understand," he added hastily, referring to the elder Bentsen's real estate and banking empire that today is estimated to be worth between \$ 50 and \$ 100 million. "He didn't buy that election."

At this, Kilgore chuckled long and hard. Yet the quip was telling, for despite his reputation as a consensus builder, little else in the life of Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr. - the 67-year-old U.S. senator from Texas and now, Democratic candidate for vice president - has been the subject of as much public notice and antipathy as his family's immense wealth and power and their impact on Bentsen's political evolution.

As he prepares this week for the first and only debate with his Republican opponent, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, Bentsen's political history likely will be scrutinized once again to reveal a man who not only differs with his running mate Michael Dukakis on substantive matters of public policy, but who differs,

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rather dramatically, with a lot of people whose respect and support he nevertheless has managed to capture.

How he has managed it, this soft-spoken politician whose patrician manner defies every stereotype of the Texas good ol' boy, is a testament, his friends say, to what they describe as his sharp intellect, his resistance to demagoguery and his integrity.

His few public critics are not so sure. Bentsen, they argue, is not so much the model politician as he is a very wealthy man who has figured out, as one United Farm Workers organizer in McAllen, Texas, put it, "how to give a lot to his friends and little bit of something to everybody else" to stay in office.

"He's not what we'd call great," Juanita Cox said, "but down here I have to say, he's the best that we've got."

The first son of "Big Lloyd" Bentsen, Sr. - the now-legendary owner of croplands and banks sprawling throughout the lower Rio Grande Valley - Lloyd Jr. grew up, much like his opponent Quayle, a youth of some privilege. He had finely made clothes, a big and rambling home, family servants and acres upon acres of land on which to romp with his mainly Mexican-American playmates, from whom he learned Spanish. He raced cars, broke broncos, branded and dehorned calves, swam in the Rio Grande for excitement. And, his 94-year-old father says, he carried a checkbook.

An ambitious son who adored his mother and always strived to please her, Bentsen progressed fast and in stellar fashion. He got a law degree at the University of Texas; joined the Army and became a highly decorated World War II bomber pilot and colonel; married a former fashion model, Beryl Ann Longino; became at 25 the youngest county judge in Hidalgo County; then two years later, rejected his father's appeal to "join my organization" and ran for a seat in the House. In a heavily Hispanic district long controlled by Anglo families such as his, he won, becoming the House's youngest member, and remained there 12 years.

But his \$ 12,500 salary was far too puny for Bentsen - "I can't make ends meet," he said at the time. And so with his wife and three children in tow, he left Washington for Texas, and with a \$ 7-million start-up loan from his father, founded an insurance company and eventually became a millionaire businessman in his own right. Bentsen will not discuss his money, but he is estimated to be worth \$ 10 million.

His substantial financial interests, which later included oil and gas, real estate, agricultural services and banks, brought him together with some of the nation's biggest industrial lords and won for him prestigious seats on company boards - Lockheed Corp. and Continental Oil, among them.

In 1970, his fortune made, Bentsen resigned those boards and decided to run for the Senate.

"Well, I said, 'Lloyd, what on earth for?'" said Bentsen Sr. recently, recalling his reaction. The elder Bentsen, who had moved to Texas from South Dakota after World War I with only pennies to his name, went on: "I told him, 'You'll be giving up a half million a year for \$ 65,000. You'll have to sell that lovely home'"

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"Well, he told me, 'The way this country is drifting, Dad, what you're worth and what I'm worth won't mean a damn.'"

The junior Bentsen challenged liberal incumbent Ralph Yarborough in what became one of the state's nastiest and most divisive campaigns, and he won.

It has surprised few that, much like his tenure in the House, Bentsen's Senate years have marked him as an unshakable advocate for corporate America - believing, as Ronald Reagan does, that tax incentives for businesses are what best spur economic growth. So supportive of tax breaks had he been by 1976, for example, that his opponent in his Senate re-election campaign race dubbed him "Loophole Lloyd."

In 1981 in one of his many votes for Reagan administration initiatives - he was the leading Democratic supporter of the administration that first term - he supported legislation that in effect cut the tax rate from 15 to 6 percent for the 2,000 biggest companies. And though in 1986 he recanted somewhat, voting for remedial measures in the face of revelations that major companies such as General Electric had escaped paying taxes at all, Bentsen remained a darling of Big Business. Over the last decade, he has received more money from political action committees, many of them supported by corporate giants, than any other member of Congress, thus his reputation as "Pac-man." And so far in 1988 Bentsen, who is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has racked up more contributions, more than \$ 6 million, than any among his 32 Senate colleagues up for re-election.

"I don't know a good strong Republican here in Texas who wouldn't vote for Bentsen for senator again," said Jack Blanton, a longtime friend who is chairman of the board of the Houston-based Skerlock Oil Corp. "He just has this wonderful financial mind and they respect that very much. He's a businessman's businessman."

At times Bentsen critics have hinted at conflicts of interest, suggesting that he has supported legislation that has benefited his donors too neatly. Yet nine inquiries by the Federal Elections Commission, mostly concerning mundane campaign accounting matters, have never turned up evidence of wrongdoing. Bentsen did come under fire from colleagues when word got out in 1987 of his plans for a monthly "breakfast club," in which lobbyists who paid \$ 10,000 to his Senate campaign would get to share bacon and eggs with the senator. After the public furor, Bentsen quickly acknowledged he had made a "doozy" of a mistake and returned the money he had raised. But the senator eventually got most of the money back, as his donors simply funneled their contributions through political action committees.

Despite it all, the tall, silver-haired senator has managed a balancing act by keeping his business ties strong while winning important friends among self-described progressives in his state, as well as impressive bipartisan support in Congress.

Lifelong associates like Joe Kilgore, who went to law school with Bentsen and succeeded him as congressman, attribute the senator's success to a combination of what he and others say are his "people skills" - he listens well and gives everybody credit, they say - as well as his shrewd negotiating style and his non-ideological analysis of problems. It was his intervention, Democratic operatives later reported, that broke the ice and saved that critical meeting

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at the Democratic National Committee between the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Dukakis from ending up a disaster.

"He's very pragmatic - very interested in ideas that work and not hung up on ideology," said Jack Albertine, who was staff director of the Joint Economic Committee when Bentsen was chairman. "He reads a lot, talks to everybody. And so when he proposes a solution to a problem, you know he's done his homework, and people from various political spectrums tend to notice and give them consideration."

Bentsen's money and well-lubed, meticulously run Texas political organization, with a coordinator in each of the 245 counties, have not hurt, either, others say, as exemplified in 1982 when Bentsen gave major financial help, including use of a statewide phone bank, to several populist-liberal candidates who had been among his sharpest critics - people like Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and State Treasurer Ann Richards.

But where Bentsen has been most shrewd, all agree, is in managing to come down the "right" way on some of the major issues his assorted constituents care about most - thus "giving everybody something," as Texas' Pan American University history professor Rudy Rocha put it. For example, blacks and Mexican-Americans, while unhappy with his vote against legislation banning discrimination in federal employment and his opposition to school busing for integration, note with admiration his support of civil rights laws - particularly his vote in 1949 to abolish the poll tax when such a vote was most unpopular in the South.

Conservatives who complained of his support for the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion rights and the Panama Canal Treaty, have saluted his support of the MX missile and aid to the Nicaraguan contras, both of which are opposed by Dukakis.

Labor leaders, who cringed at his opposition to food stamps for striking workers in 1977, note with deep satisfaction his recent leadership on laws requiring businesses to provide notice of plant closings, restricting imports from nations that have barriers to American products and expanding Medicare to include catastrophic health insurance.

Bentsen's eclectic record helps explain why in numerous political rankings by liberal and conservative groups over the years, he rarely receives overwhelmingly high or low marks; he usually simply comes out somewhere in the middle.

"He's just not knee-jerk anything," said Barbara Jordan, the former congresswoman from Texas who nominated Bentsen at the Democratic convention. Jordan recalled how Bentsen was among the first southern senators to speak out against Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork and said that on important issues like that she has learned to trust the senator. "He's just a very fine and competent man."

At home around McAllen and Mission, where Mexican-Americans make up about 85 percent of the population, such passion can be found more among Establishment Hispanic political leaders than among lower-class laborers. Indeed, while Bentsen has almost always carried his district - he has talked proudly of being "simpatico" with Hispanics - there is, said Juanita Cox of the UFW, an unspoken tension that exists simply because of what the Bentsen family represents:

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growers.

While she said no lawsuits or complaints claiming labor abuses have ever been filed against "Mr. Lloyd," as his thousands of citrus and cotton workers have called the elder Bentsen for years, "among many people there still is this attitude that Mexican-Americans are the ones who made them rich and that they just seem to still control everything. It's like the whole family is so rich, it's impossible to unseat the people they support."

More Establishment leaders say there is no evidence that the Bentsens unduly use their influence and, while few have any bad words to say about Lloyd Jr., many say they do wish he were a bit less conservative.

The district's political sympathies were evident in 1970 when it bucked the state trend and voted against Bentsen, who had challenged Yarborough, the hero of the liberals. By then Bentsen had established a pro-business, pro-oil, pro-defense reputation in the mold of other Texas Tory Democrats like Lyndon B. Johnson and John Connally.

The race was not nice. Bentsen characterized Yarborough as a big-spending leftist who supported political riots and Yarborough labeled Bentsen and his friends "fat cats" and "reactionaries." A television ad Bentsen has admitted he regrets showed footage of the rioting at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. "That was the violence in Chicago spawned by supporters of Eugene McCarthy during the Democratic convention," the narrator boomed. "Sen. Ralph Yarborough endorsed McCarthy for president. Did he represent your views when he backed McCarthy?" And when Edmund Muskie of Maine came to campaign for Yarborough, Bentsen called him an "ultra-liberal" outsider.

Supporters were in shock after Bentsen won that race 53 percent to 47 - then went on to win against his Republican opponent George Bush by the same margin. Even Barbara Jordan, concedes, "I can't say we felt warmly toward Lloyd Bentsen then."

Six years later, after a miserable showing in a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination - he got only six delegates in his home state - Bentsen continued his run for re-election to the Senate. But some Democrats still had not found reason to support him; even against his Republican opponent, Alan Steelman. "Both parrot the line of big oil on energy issues," Hightower wrote in the liberal Texas Observer. "Both are defenders of wasteful military spending; both have foreign policy views more suited to 1956 than 1976, and neither has a programmatic concept of economic democracy."

But Hightower, after sweeping into office on Bentsen's coattails and money in 1982, changed his tune and now counts Bentsen as a friend with whom he has "been in the trenches."

"He has deep hip pockets and he uses them," notes Yarborough today. He plans nevertheless to vote the Democratic ticket, he says.

"We don't like some of Lloyd's votes," concedes Billie Carr, executive director of Harris County Democrats in Houston and a Yarborough fan, "but he has worked very hard for our candidates . . . He's become a solid Democrat."

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What he has not become over the years, however, is a particularly colorful politician .

"He has very conservative social manners," said Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Industry Association, and a longtime friend of Bentsen's. As those who knew him in his youth attest, this is no transformation that came with age.

"I never saw him come over and knock around in the officer's club and raise hell like a lot of us did," said William Bivens, who was a member of the squadron Bentsen led in World War II.

But Bentsen, who friends say has a wry sense of humor, is a fierce tennis competitor, a renowned poker player and an accomplished hunter of pheasant and quail - a talent that has provided fodder for numerous "Quayle-hunting" campaign quips. And so he, like his friends, rejects the frequent description of him as dull and aloof.

"Believe me, he does have his share of one-liners," chortled Jack Martin, a longtime friend who is manager of Bentsen's Senate re-election campaign. And if he must, the candidate will use them in tomorrow's debate, he added, though Martin conceded Bentsen will likely be predisposed to rely on what congressional friends on both sides of the aisle say is his organized speaking style and propensity for showing off his grasp of details and facts.

A cautious man, Bentsen is not likely to make big mistakes. In his 30 years in Congress, he is remembered for only one major gaffe - in 1950 when he suggested that the United States threaten to use atomic bombs to end the Korean War. Bentsen later chalked it up to the naivete of youth.

A Look at the Record

How Bentsen and Quayle voted on key issues in the Senate over the past two years. The votes are listed starting from the most recent.

Issue

Bentsen

Quayle

Require employers to give 60 days' notice
of plant closings or mass layoffs

Yes

No

Allow the death penalty for drug kingpins
who intentionally kill or order a killing

Yes

Yes

Override Reagan's veto of the Omnibus Trade

Bill, which included a requirement of 60 days'
notice of plant closings and mass layoffs

Yes

No

Ratify U.S.-Soviet treaty eliminating inter-
mediate-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles

Yes

Yes

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Override Reagan's veto of a bill restoring the

full sweep four major civil-rights laws limited
by a Supreme Court decision

Yes

No

Allow the Department of Energy to sue its contractors in case of a nuclear
accident

caused by negligence or misconduct

No

No

Require president to notify Congress within

48 hours of all covert-intelligence and
foreign-policy actions

Yes

No

Approve \$ 36.3 million in contra aid

Yes

Yes

Direct the energy secretary to consider public health and safety foremost in
selecting a site

for a permanent repository for nuclear wastes

Yes

No

Approve the nomination of Robert Bork to the
Supreme Court

No

Yes

Require continued U.S. compliance with the
unratified SALT II treaty

Yes

No

Cut off debate and bring to a vote a bill to create voluntary spending limits in
Senate races, provide partial public funding to candidates and cap the amount
House and Senate candidates can

receive from political action committees

Yes

No=

Override Reagan's veto of a bill authorizing \$ 88 billion for highway and
mass-transit programs

through fiscal 1991

Yes

No

Override Reagan's veto of a bill allocating

\$ 18 billion to help states and localities build sewage-treatment plants and \$
2.1 billion for

water-pollution-control programs

Yes

Yes

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. BENTSEN COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

This summary memorandum contains the results of a Level I investigation concerning Senator Bentsen.

Birth

Senator Bentsen was born on February 11, 1921, in Sharyland, Texas.

Education

Senator Bentsen attended the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, from September, 1937, to June, 1942, receiving an LL.B. degree.

Military Service

Senator Bentsen enlisted and entered on active duty with the United States Army on April 11, 1942. He served on active duty until October 27, 1942, at which time he was honorably released as a Corporal. Thereafter, he accepted an appointment as a commissioned officer in the Army Air Corps. He served on active duty status until July 20, 1945, when he was transferred to the Army Reserve, inactive status, until December 6, 1945, then honorably discharged. He served in the Air Force Reserve, inactive status, from that time until January 16, 1959, when he was discharged as a Colonel. His service record is clear.

Employment

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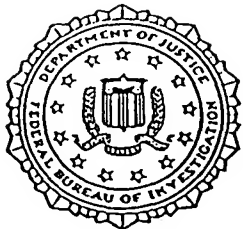
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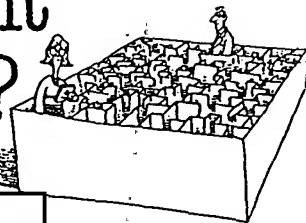
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Conduct employment type verification with Priscilla Management or [redacted] for business with which Senator Bentsen was associated from 12/89 - 12/91.

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Direct results/questions to PSS [redacted] SPIN Unit, FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. 4755.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted.

The following information was contained in 147A-SA-33993-305, which is an FD-302 on 11/20/90 at San Antonio by Special Agent [REDACTED] page 19, paragraphs 2 and 3:

(Concerning himself, [REDACTED] advised that he had migrated to the United States during 1981. He advised the he is not a United States citizen, but is currently in the United States pending the outcome of a "Private Bill" before congress submitted in his behalf by Senator LLOYD BENTSEN and Congressman ALBERT BUSTAMANTE. He advised that his visa had

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expired August 1990. He advised that his immigration attorney is [redacted] [redacted] from Miami, Florida. [redacted] advised that approximately six to eight months before the "Private Bill" had been filed, he had met with Congressman BUSTAMANTE in San Antonio, Texas to solicit his help. He advised that he had attempted to go through the immigration process, but had been denied permanent residency on several occasions.

When asked if he had paid anyone to influence the outcome of his application for residency and/or citizenship, he said "No". When asked if he had made any political contributions to any candidate or official, he again said "No". [redacted] further advised that he had no knowledge of anyone making any contributions on his behalf. He advised that he has never contributed any monies to Congressman BUSTAMANTE's campaign, or has he had any business dealings with him.)

It should be noted that BENTSEN was not a subject in this matter nor was there any indication of derogatory information.

It should also be noted that efforts to contact Attorney [redacted] [redacted] Austin, Texas, are still negative, inasmuch as he is out-of-town and cannot be located.

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Synopsis:

Court records were reviewed concerning a 1985 civil suit wherein LLOYD BENTSEN was a claimant concerning a water rights issue. All pending issues have been resolved in this matter. Court records in another issue in 1991 involving BENTSEN and other landowners in an oil/mineral royalty matter indicated the court decision has been followed and BENTSEN no longer involved.

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DETAILS:

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San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on Tuesday, December 22, 1992:

[REDACTED] Attorney, Environmental Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General provided to the Austin, Texas Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of the court records regarding a civil suit captioned "IN Re: THE ADJUDICATION OF WATER RIGHTS IN THE NUECES-RIO GRANDE COASTAL BASIN" which was docketed as 85-6278-E in the District Court of Nueces County, Texas 148th Judicial District.

A review of these records indicated that on November 20, 1985, the Texas Water Commission (TWC) made a determination of certain water rights issues in a specific area. LLOYD BENTSEN and others, referred to as Claimants, who were adversely affected by the TWC determination, filed exceptions to the TWC's determination and thereby legally questioned the TWC's decision and asked the court to "except" the claimants from the TWC order.

Subsequent to filing the motion to grant exceptions, the claimants were successful in obtaining a permit from the TWC which provided the claimants a remedy to their claims and rendered moot the claimants' request for exceptions from the determination of the TWC. Based on this issuance of a permit, the claimants withdrew their request for exceptions and the court granted their motion and thereby resolved all pending issues involving LLOYD BENTSEN and other claimants.

COURT RECORDS

San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on Tuesday, December 22, 1992:

[redacted] Attorney, Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [redacted] provided to the Austin, Texas Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of the court records regarding State of Texas vs. [redacted] et al.

On December 17, 1991, a suit was filed by the State of Texas against [redacted] et al. The plaintiff was suing on behalf of its Permanent School Fund, by and through DAN MORALES, Attorney General of Texas. LLOYD M. BENTSEN, JR. of Starr County, Texas was named individually and as an Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of EDNA RUTH BENTSEN, Deceased, as a Co-Trustee of the Testamentary Trusts created under the will of EDNA RUTH BENTSEN, and as an Independent Executor of the Estate of LLOYD M. BENTSEN, Deceased.

The petitioner alleged that on September 1, 1948, LLOYD M. BENTSEN, SR. and [redacted] were the owners of the soil as to an undivided one-half interest in and to Section 552, Abstract 893, Certificate 524, which is located in Starr County. Such land was on that date classified as "mineral and grazing" and, as such, all minerals in, on, and under it were reserved to the State for the benefit of the Permanent School Fund. On that date, LLOYD M. BENTSEN and [redacted] the "BENTSEN brothers"), acting individually as agents for the State of Texas, pursuant to Acts 1919, 36th Leg., 2nd Called Session, p. 249, Ch. 81, executed and delivered to N.E. BUESCHER an oil and gas in, on, and under the above described tract. The leasing of this tract for oil and gas development was then and is now governed by the Relinquishment Act. The oil and gas lease provided for 3/16 royalty proportionately reduced by one-half, said royalty to be divided equally between the State and the BENTSEN brothers, and a cash bonus, one-half to be paid to the State and one-half to be paid to the BENTSEN brothers.

On September 28, 1948, N.E. BUESCHER assigned all interest in the lease to the Hidalgo-Willacy Oil Company, a Texas

corporation principally owned and wholly controlled by the BENTSEN brothers.

Subsequently, on October 14, 1948, Hidalgo-Willacy Oil Company conveyed its interest in the lease to [redacted] and [redacted] reserving, however, a production payment in the amount of \$35,450.00, payable out of the 1/32 of the oil and gas produced, saved and sold from Section 552, free of expense, and a perpetual 3/64 overriding royalty interest. One-fourth of the royalty interest reserved by the BENTSENS under the September 1, 1948, lease was subsequently conveyed to other unrelated parties.

On April 30, 1980, Hidalgo-Willacy Oil Company was merged into CNG Producing Company.

The State alleged that neither the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas nor any other agency of the State of Texas had received any portion of the proceeds of production that were attributable to the oil payment or the overriding royalties that were created under the agreement created on October 14, 1948, nor did they receive any portion of the consideration paid by CNG Producing Company to Hidalgo-Willacy Oil Company or its shareholders for the value received by them for the overriding royalty interest. The State went on to allege that from the time of creation of the oil and gas production payment and the overriding royalty interest in 1948 until the merger of the Hidalgo-Willacy Oil Company with CNG Producing in 1980, that the Defendants and their predecessors received \$774,542.00 attributable to the overriding royalty and oil and gas production payment. The State claimed that the landowners failed to disclose and share all the benefits and that this was a breach of the statutory and/or fiduciary obligations owed by the Defendants and their predecessors in title under the common law of agency and under the terms of the Relinquishment Act.

On October 8, 1991, LLOYD M. BENTSEN, JR. acting individually and as an Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of EDNA RUTH BENTSEN, Deceased, as a Co-Trustee of the Testamentary Trusts created under the will of EDNA RUTH BENTSEN and as an Independent Executor of the Estate of LLOYD M. BENTSEN signed into an agreement with the State of Texas. All but four of the fourteen individuals signed the following agreement:

The State of Texas was to recover the sum \$322,725.62. Also the State of Texas, for the use and benefit of its Permanent School Fund, was to recover an aggregate royalty interest equal to one-half of 83.33328 percent of 3.51563 percent of 100 percent (1.46484 percent of the 100 percent) of the oil and gas produced and saved from Section 552, Abstract 893, Certificate 524, from

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LLOYD M. BENTSEN and [REDACTED] individually and as Agents for the State of Texas. This royalty amount was to be equal to one-half of the royalty under the lease owned by the settling defendants.

The agreements of this decision have been correctly followed and LLOYD M. BENTSEN is no longer involved in the suit.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.		REPORT MADE BY PSS 	TYPED BY: sef
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All individuals were furnished appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality, both limited and unlimited, have not been granted.

WMFO electronic and general indices regarding the appointee and listed relatives contained no derogatory information.

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LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY (A)

Synopsis:

Appointee interviewed and commented regarding his FEC complaints, trust funds, prior employments, and club memberships. White House Office checked. Disbursing Office checked. Employment verified, and co-workers commented favorably. House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms checked. Senate Security checked. Residence verified, and neighbors commented favorably. Membership at Middleberg Tennis Club checked, no longer a member. FEC files against the appointee reviewed, all cases dismissed. D.C. Bar checked. SEC checked. DOJ, PIS, checked. U.S.S.S., no record. U.S.A.O., D.C., no record. Law enforcement agencies, no record.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE (WHO)

The Executive Clerk's Office
Old Executive Office Building
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on December 15, 1992 regarding LLOYD MILLARD
BENTSEN, JR.

No record of appointment or nomination by the President
of the United States could be located in this office.

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EMPLOYMENT

Disbursing Office
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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The following investigation was initiated by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on December 16, 1992, regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN:

[REDACTED] Retirement Assistant, confirmed that the appointee has served in the United States Senate as a Senator since January 3, 1971, and continues to serve in that position. No derogatory information is located in the Personnel Computer System.

The following interviews were conducted regarding the above listed employment:

GEORGE MITCHELL, United States Senator, and Majority Leader of the Senate, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., advised he has known the appointee since 1971 and considers him to be an outstanding individual. He stated that the appointee has enjoyed an outstanding reputation on Capitol Hill, and that the other Senators see the appointee as a loyal American citizen who is trustworthy, intelligent, and discreet. He stated that the work product performed by the appointee is superior in nature, and that he would have absolutely no problem in recommending the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

BOB DOLE, United States Senator, advised he has known the appointee since 1971 and considers him to be a personal friend. He stated that the appointee is hardworking, dedicated, and mature. Continuing, Senator DOLE stated that the appointee is a poised individual who is considered to be reliable and dependable. Senator DOLE further commented that the appointee is a top quality individual and one who he would recommend for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

WENDELL H. FORD, United States Senator, United States Senate, stated he has also known the appointee for approximately 18 years. He characterized the appointee as an ethical

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individual and a person of integrity. He stated that the appointee has displayed outstanding leadership qualities over the years and has accomplished numerous goals for the State of Texas. He stated he would be in a position to afford the appointee a full recommendation.

JACK BROOKS, Member, United States House of Representatives, advised he also has known the appointee for approximately 18 years. He stated that the appointee is a very pleasant individual who has impeccable character. He stated that the appointee is polished, skillful, and an enlightened Senator who has performed brilliantly for the State of Texas. He stated he would be in a position to afford the appointee a full recommendation and continued by stating that the appointee is highly regarded by members of the United States Congress, as well as the United States Senate.

TOM FOLEY, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., advised he has also known the appointee approximately 18 years. He stated that the appointee is a solid citizen and a team player, and an individual who has done a dedicated job for the State of Texas. He stated that the appointee is a discreet individual who possesses outstanding character, and that he would be proud to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] Administrative Assistant to United States Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, advised he has known the appointee approximately eight years. He stated that the appointee is easy to work for and that the appointee does not harbor any biases or prejudices towards any race or class of citizens. He stated that the appointee is well respected within the Capitol Hill area, and that he feels the appointee would be an outstanding addition to a Presidential Cabinet.

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[redacted] Secretary to United States Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, advised she has known the appointee for at least 15 years. She stated that her relationship with the Senator has always been extremely professional, and that she holds a great deal of admiration for the Senator. She stated that the Senator is an outstanding individual, and a person of integrity. Continuing, she stated that the appointee is an expert in the field of finances, and that the professional demeanor displayed by the appointee has been outstanding.

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DAVID BONIER, Member of Congress, United States House of Representatives, stated he has known the appointee for approximately 10 years. He characterized the appointee as trustworthy, intelligent, and an individual who he would trust with classified and sensitive materials. He stated that the appointee is a well mannered and industrious individual who enjoys an outstanding professional reputation on Capitol Hill.

While being interviewed, each of the above listed individuals commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to the United States Government of the appointee. Each individual stated they knew nothing of a derogatory nature, including any illegal drug use and no alcohol or prescription drug abuse. They stated the appointee remains in good physical condition, is mentally stable, and has lived within his financial means. They stated the appointee is the type of person who can be trusted with classified and sensitive materials. They also confirmed that the appointee does not harbor any biases or prejudices towards any race or class of citizens, and stated they would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

The following interviews were conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on December 22, 1992, regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.:

JACK DE VORE, Press Secretary for Senator BENTSEN, advised he has known the appointee for more than five years, and is in a position to afford him a full recommendation. He stated in his position as Press Secretary, he comes in contact with numerous individuals who are extremely knowledgeable regarding the Senator and that since his employment with Senator BENTSEN, he has continued to have the respect and admiration for the Senator. He characterized the Senator as a trustworthy, dedicated American citizen, and one who would do well in a Cabinet position.

[redacted] Staff Director for the Finance Committee, United States Senate, advised he has known the appointee for more than five years and considers him to be well mannered, industrious, and disciplined. He stated that Senator BENTSEN has an outstanding professional reputation on Capitol Hill, and that he is considered to be an outstanding leader. He stated he would be in a position to afford him a full recommendation.

[redacted] Receptionist, Office of Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, stated she has known the Senator for twelve and a half years. She characterized the appointee as a person of conviction who is held in high esteem, not only by the members of Congress, but also by the staff. She stated that the appointee has made solid contributions to the joint efforts of several committees, and that he is held in high regard on the Hill. She stated she would have no problem in recommending him for advancement in a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] Office Manager for Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, advised she has known the Senator for more than 13 years. She stated that the Senator is a poised and mature individual who is extremely hardworking. She stated that Senator BENTSEN is dependable and reliable, as well as being courteous and honest. She stated he is well respected by the staff, and

that it would be a pleasure to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] Staff Assistant, Finance Committee, stated she has known the appointee for approximately one and a half years. She stated that the appointee is highly regarded by the members of the staff, and is considered to be an extremely ethical individual. She stated that the appointee appears to be a person of integrity who always displays outstanding leadership qualities, and that she would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Staff Assistant, Finance Committee, United States Senate, advised that he has known the appointee for approximately one and a half years. He considers the appointee to be an outstanding family person. He stated that the appointee has impeccable character and has an extremely pleasant personality. He stated that the appointee is suitable for access to classified and sensitive materials, and that in his opinion, he would trust the appointee implicitly. He stated he knows nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the appointee and would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] Counsel to the Finance Committee, advised he has worked closely with the Senator over the years, and that he knows the appointee to be a person of conviction. He stated that the appointee is considered to be reliable and dependable, and knows that the appointee has an outstanding reputation on Capitol Hill. He stated that the appointee is certainly a self-starter and that he is extremely conscientious and contributed greatly to the efforts of the Finance Committee.

[redacted] Legislative Assistant to Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, stated that the Senator has involved himself greatly in the affairs of the Commerce, Environmental, and Government Affairs Committees. He stated that the Senator has dedicated his life to the betterment of treatment of the United States citizens in these topics, and is known as an individual with impeccable character. He characterized the appointee as a loyal American citizen who is trustworthy and intelligent, and more importantly, discreet. He stated he would be in a position to recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] Legislative Assistant for United States Senator LLOYD BENTSEN, stated that he is the assistant assigned to aging, budget, and judiciary matters. He stated that the

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Senator has shown a great deal of dedication and has been very perceptive in the legislation which has been passed on these topics. He stated that the appointee puts in long evening hours and early morning hours and holds an outstanding reputation on Capitol Hill. He knows the appointee to be a professional in every sense of the word, and stated he would be in a position to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Legislative Assistant for Senator BENTSEN, stated that her legislative responsibility in agriculture, banking, and small businesses has afforded her the opportunity to know the appointee. She stated that the appointee is an individual of outstanding character, associates, and reputation. She stated she has never heard anything of a derogatory nature which would preclude the Senator from receiving a position of trust and confidence, and would recommend him for same. Continuing, she stated that the appointee has contributed greatly to the efforts of the staff, in a personal way, and that he is known to be extremely intelligent and trustworthy.

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While being interviewed, each of the above listed individuals commented favorably regarding the character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to the United States Government of the appointee. Each individual stated they knew nothing of a derogatory nature, including any illegal drug use and no alcohol or prescription drug abuse. They stated the appointee remains in good physical condition, is mentally stable, and has lived within his financial means. They stated the appointee is the type of person who they would trust with classified and sensitive materials. Each individual confirmed that the appointee does not harbor any biases or prejudices towards any race or class of citizens, and each individual stated that they would recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Office of the Sergeant at Arms
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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The following investigation was initiated by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on December 18, 1992, regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN:

[REDACTED] Director of the Member Payroll Unit, United States House of Representatives, Office of the Sergeant at Arms, advised the appointee was a Member of the United States House of Representatives from December 4, 1948 to January 2, 1955. No derogatory information was located in the Personnel Computer System.

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RECORD CHECK

The following investigation was initiated by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.:

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On December 21, 1992, MIKE DI SILVESTRO, Director of Senate Security, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., stated that there is no derogatory information in the files of the United States Senate regarding the appointee.

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RESIDENCE

1810 Kalorama Square, Northwest
Washington, D.C.
1977 - Present

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [] regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.:

On December 14, 1992, [] Kalorama Square, Northwest, Washington, D.C., verified that the appointee lives [] 1810 Kalorama Square, and has resided there since approximately 1977. [] stated that he is acquainted with the appointee on a neighborly basis. [] stated that the appointee is a good neighbor and divides a lot of his time between his home in Washington, D.C. and his home state of Texas. As a result [] does not see the appointee often, because he is away a great deal. [] described the appointee as a very cordial man who is dignified. He was not aware of any derogatory or adverse information regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. He considered the appointee to be emotionally stable and financially secure. [] was not aware of any illicit drug use or abuse of alcohol by the appointee. He was not aware of any racial bias or prejudice on the part of the appointee. He had no reason to believe the appointee would pose any type of security risk to the United States Government and concluded by recommending the appointee for a position of trust and confidence within the United States Government.

On December 14, 1992, [] Kalorama Square, verified that the appointee resides at 1810 Kalorama Square. [] stated that the appointee has never caused any problems or disturbances in the neighborhood. She further stated that she is acquainted with the appointee on a neighborly basis. [] stated that she does not know the appointee well enough to describe his personality. However, she was not aware of any derogatory or adverse information regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. She considers the appointee to be emotionally stable. She was not aware of any illicit drug use or abuse of alcohol by the appointee. [] had no reason to believe the appointee would pose any type of security risk to the United States Government and concluded by stating that she knew of no

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reason not to recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence within the United States Government.

On December 14, 1992, [redacted] Kalorama Square, verified that the appointee resides at 1810 Kalorama Square. [redacted] stated that the appointee has never caused any problems or disturbances in the neighborhood. She noted that the appointee is very considerate of the other neighbors and their privacy. [redacted] stated that she is acquainted with the appointee on a neighborly basis and occasional social basis. [redacted] stated that the appointee is a very quiet individual who is pleasant and not pushy. She had no reason to question either the appointee's honesty or trustworthiness. [redacted] was not aware of any derogatory or adverse information regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. She considered the appointee to be emotionally stable and financially secure. [redacted] was not aware of any illicit drug use or abuse of alcohol by the appointee. Furthermore, she was not aware of any racial bias or prejudice on the part of the appointee. She had no reason to believe the appointee would pose any type of security risk to the United States Government and concluded by recommending the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On December 15, 1992, [redacted] Kalorama Square, verified that the appointee resides at 1810 Kalorama Square. [redacted] stated that he was acquainted with the appointee on a social basis. [redacted] noted that the appointee has never caused any problems or disturbances in the neighborhood. He characterized the appointee as a real gentleman who is friendly, honest, and trustworthy. [redacted] was not aware of any derogatory or adverse information regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty to the United States Government. He considered the appointee to be emotionally stable and financially secure. [redacted] was not aware of any illicit drug use or abuse of alcohol by the appointee. Furthermore, he was not aware of any racial bias or prejudice on the part of the appointee. He had no reason to believe the appointee would pose any type of security risk to the United States Government and concluded by recommending the appointee for a position of trust and confidence within the United States Government.

On December 14, 1992, [redacted] Kalorama Square, advised that he is [redacted] and guest of the residents who reside at 1809 Kalorama Square. [redacted] stated

that he was not familiar with the appointee, and therefore could not comment on his qualifications for a high level post in the United States Government.

Attempts to contact neighbors at 1811, 1814, and 1818 Kalorama Square, Northwest, Washington, D.C., were unsuccessful. Personal visitation to these addresses failed to find anyone at home and the occupants of these addresses failed to respond to written notes placed in the doors of their residences requesting that they contact the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) concerning the routine employment related background investigation of the appointee.

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Middleburg Tennis Club
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Middleburg, Virginia

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on December 21, 1992 , regarding the appointee LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN JR.:

[REDACTED] Middleburg Tennis Club, office telephone number 703-687-6388 advised the appointee resigned from the Middleburg Tennis Club effective May 1, 1990.

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Federal Election Commission (FEC)
999 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on December 21, 1992, regarding the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.:

[redacted] Paralegal Specialist, General Counsel's Office, FEC, 999 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., provided SA [redacted] with summaries of FEC investigations regarding the appointee, the appointee's Senatorial re-election committees, and/or DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Presidential Campaign Committee. The following is a synopsis of the FEC investigations/records:

1. DATE CASE OPENED: July 10, 1975

ALLEGATION: That the appointee solicited campaign funds from a foreign national. This matter came to the attention of the FEC through articles in the New York Times and Political Intelligence newspapers. The articles alleged that a campaign aide to the appointee solicited contributions from a representative of a "Mediterranean country." Such a solicitation would be a violation of Federal election laws.

FEC FINDINGS: The FEC maintained that the newspaper articles presented no evidence in support of the allegations. The problem was that the only way the FEC could obtain additional information would be to question the reporter who wrote the story. The FEC surmised that such a move would lead to publicity that the appointee was under investigation and therefore, FEC decided not to pursue the matter further.

CASE CLOSED BY FEC: March 1, 1976.

2. DATE CASE OPENED: January 30, 1976.

ALLEGATION: W. PHILIP GRAMM, a candidate for United States Senate from Texas, alleged that the appointee was using presidential primary matching funds to benefit his senatorial campaign in Texas. Such an offense would be a violation of Federal election campaign laws.

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FEC FINDINGS: The FEC ruled that the complainant did not set forth any evidence in support of the allegations and recommended that they close their investigation on April 1, 1976, without taking any action against the appointee.

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3. DATE CASE OPENED: August 3, 1976.

ALLEGATION: [REDACTED]
Texas, alleged that the appointee's news release of July 29, 1976, was campaign literature paid for with public funds. Such an offense, if true, would be a violation of Federal election laws.

FEC FINDINGS: The FEC ruled that 2 USC 439(b), a Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, prohibits solicitation of funds by a mailing under frank. The FEC ruled that the appointee's news release of July 29, 1976, was not a solicitation of funds. The FEC ruled that all other franking abuses are covered under 39 USC 3210, of which the FEC has no authority. Based on this finding, the FEC closed its case regarding the appointee on August 17, 1976, without taking any action against the appointee.

4. DATE CASE OPENED: February 18, 1977.

ALLEGATION: A review by FEC auditors determined that the appointee's campaign committee, "Bentsen in '76 Committee," had possibly exceeded the limitations on petty cash disbursements, and had failed to report the identification, occupation, and principle place of business of recipients of expenditures in excess of \$100.00, as required by Federal election laws.

FEC FINDINGS: On March 31, 1977, the FEC found reason to believe violation of 2 USC 434(b) and 2 USC 437(b). The Bentsen in '76 Committee was sent a letter dated April 18, 1977, advising that the FEC had found reason to believe the above violations of Federal election laws. The Committee was asked to submit all pertinent information. On June 13, 1977, the Bentsen in '76 Committee responded with the information as requested by the FEC.

Subsequently, the FEC received and reviewed the information from the Bentsen in '76 Committee, and amended reports from that Committee and recommended that the Bentsen

Committee response be satisfactory. As a result, no further action was taken and the FEC closed its case on June 30, 1977.

5. DATE CASE OPENED: January 26, 1978.

ALLEGATION: An FEC audit of the Bentsen in '76 Committee determined a \$400.00 contribution was made by check drawn on the account of TRIUMPH INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED (TII), at the Western Bank of Houston, Texas. The FEC noted that such a corporate contribution represents a violation of Federal election laws.

FEC FINDINGS: The FEC contacted the TII and received in reply a letter dated June 2, 1977, from [redacted] who [redacted] of the Corporation. [redacted] stated that the check in question had been charged to his personal bank account and a [redacted] and that such accounts are reimbursed from personal funds at the end of the year.

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[redacted] submitted documentation to the FEC which indicated that on the day the \$400.00 contribution was made, the sums of \$200.00 each were charged against the personal accounts of [redacted]. The documentation also showed that each of these accounts had been reimbursed, [redacted] within a year and [redacted] during June, 1977 (over 18 months after the contribution).

As a result of this information, the FEC took no further action against the appointee. The case was thereafter closed on March 15, 1978.

6. DATE CASE OPENED: July 22, 1982.

ALLEGATION: Congressman JAMES M. COLLINS alleged that the appointee's election committee reported an in-kind contribution of \$79,850.00 from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee on its July 15, 1982, quarterly report, which was in violation of Federal election laws. Pursuant to this law, a senatorial committee is not permitted to contribute more than \$17,500.00 to a candidate running for election to the United States Senate.

FEC FINDINGS: The FEC ruled that consistent with 11 C.F.R. 1107(a)(4), which permits the national committee of a

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political party to make expenditures with respect to a presidential campaign, including state and subordinate party committees. The Supreme Court upheld the FEC's determination to allow senatorial committees of the national party to act as agents of the national party committees in making expenditures on their behalf involving senatorial campaigns.

FEC further determined that while the national committee reported the transaction as an in-kind contribution from the senatorial committee, the latter reported the disbursement as a coordinated expenditure.

In response to receipt of the complaint, the national committee stated that the \$79,850.00 spent by the appointee's committee was a 441(a)(d) expenditure and was incorrectly reported as an in-kind contribution by the committee. Consequently, the appointee's committee filed an amended report omitting the \$79,850.00.

Following this amended report from the appointee's committee, the FEC recommended that no further action be taken against the appointee. As a result, the FEC closed its case on August 19, 1982.

7. DATE CASE OPENED: March 7, 1988.

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ALLEGATION: The complainant, [REDACTED] of the appointee, alleged that the National Alliance of Senior Citizens and the Texas Savings and Loan League, paid for a substantial number of television and radio commercials in support of the appointee's re-election under the guise of "public service announcements," in violation of Federal election laws.

Pursuant to Federal election laws, the FEC noted that it was unlawful for a corporation to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election for Federal office.

FEC FINDINGS: Following an investigation by the FEC, it found no reason to believe that the appointee's election committee violated Federal election laws. Furthermore, the FEC found no reason to believe that the Texas Savings and Loan League violated Federal election laws, or that the National Alliance of Senior Citizens violated Federal election laws. As a result of the FEC determination, the case was closed on April 28, 1988,

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without taking any action against the appointee or his re-election committee.

8. DATE CASE OPENED: August 8, 1988

ALLEGATION: On August 11, 1988, the Ohio Republican State Central and Executive Committee by and through its counsel, [] filed a complaint against the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Presidential Election Committee and the Senator LLOYD BENTSEN Election Committee. The complaint alleged that because of Senator LLOYD BENTSEN's dual candidacy for the Senate and Vice Presidency, the expenditures of the BENTSEN Committee in Texas would benefit the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee unfairly in the State of Ohio.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the complaints, the FEC found no reason to believe that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee violated any provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Furthermore, the FEC found no reason to believe that the Senator LLOYD BENTSEN Election Committee violated any provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. As a result, the FEC took no action against the appointee or the appointee's re-election committee, and closed its investigation of the matter on November 30, 1988.

9. DATE CASE OPENED: September 26, 1988.

ALLEGATION: On September 26, 1988, [] submitted a complaint to the FEC, alleging that the Iowa Democratic Party and the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Presidential Campaign Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. [] contended that the Iowa Democratic Party paid \$4,000.00 for a full-page advertisement in the Des Moines Register on September 16, 1988, attacking the qualifications of Senator J. DANFORTH QUAYLE for Vice President. The advertisement questions Senator QUAYLE's position on various issues, including defense spending, agriculture, and education. [] alleged that the newspaper advertisement constituted an illegal expenditure by the Iowa Democratic Party on behalf of the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN campaign, in violation of Federal election campaign laws.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the allegation, the FEC found reason to believe that the Iowa Democratic Party had violated 2 USC 441(a)(f) and 441(d)(a). However, the FEC found no reason to believe that the DUKAKIS/

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BENTSEN Presidential Campaign Committee had violated Federal election laws. As a result, no action was taken against the appointee or the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Presidential Campaign Committee. The case was closed on December 1, 1989.

10. DATE CASE OPENED: September 26, 1988.

ALLEGATION: On September 26, 1988, ROBERT E. GABLE, Chairman of the Republican Party of Kentucky, submitted a complaint to the FEC, alleging that the Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee violated Federal election laws by illegally funding newspaper advertisements on behalf of the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN 1988 General Election Campaign. The complainant contended that the Party Committee paid for newspaper ads that attacked and refuted statements by Republic presidential nominee GEORGE BUSH concerning Governor DUKAKIS' position on gun control. The newspaper ads allegedly ran in at least three Kentucky daily newspapers on September 16, 1988. The complainant alleged that the Kentucky Committee's expenditures constitute an in-kind contribution to the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee, and as such were violations of Federal election laws.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the allegations, the Office of the General Counsel of the FEC recommended that the FEC Commissioners find reason to believe that the Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and its treasurer had violated 2 USC 441(a)(f) and 441(d)(a). The Office of General Counsel also recommended a finding of no reason to believe that the DUKAKIS Committee had violated any Federal election laws. As a result, the FEC recommended that it close its file as it pertains to the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee, and take no action against that Committee. The FEC case was subsequently closed on November 3, 1989.

11. DATE CASE OPENED: October 26, 1988.

ALLEGATION: The complainants, TONY TRIMBLE, Chairman, Independent Republicans of Minnesota, and JANN L. OLSTEN, Executive Director, National Republican Senatorial Committee, alleged that the HUMPHREY Committee and the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee, had violated Federal election laws by failing to report the receipt of free rent and for failing to report all contributors to a campaign, i.e., the contributors of the free rent. The complainants asserted that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee had made expenditures on behalf of the HUMPHREY

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Committee and the HANSEN Committee. In support of that assertion, the complainants alleged that the HUMPHREY Senate Campaign had a high number of offices around Minnesota, but a small number of staff. Failure to report such an in-kind contribution was a violation of Federal election laws. Such an activity by the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee, it was contended, would be a non-qualified campaign expenditure on their part in contradiction with Federal election campaign laws.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the complaint, the Office of General Counsel, FEC, found reason to believe that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee and its treasurer had violated 2 USC 434(b) and 441(a)(f). However, the FEC Commissioners voted against taking any action with respect to this complaint and decided to close the case without taking any negative action against the appointee or the appointee's presidential re-election committee. The case was closed on June 2, 1992.

12. DATE CASE OPENED: October 3, 1989.

ALLEGATION: A complaint was filed with the FEC by a [redacted] concerning an advertisement which appeared in the November 3, 1988, edition of The News Record, a newspaper distributed in two counties in western North Carolina. The complainant alleged that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee had violated Federal election laws based on what appeared to have been involvement by the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee in the placement of an advertisement in The News Record newspaper.

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FEC FINDINGS: The FEC, after conducting an investigation into the allegation, found no probable cause to believe that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee had violated Federal election laws. As a result, the FEC closed its case into this allegation on June 4, 1991.

13. DATE CASE OPENED: February 6, 1989.

ALLEGATION: On February 6, 1989, [redacted] submitted a complaint to the FEC alleging that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Presidential Committee (and others not named within this insert) had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, by making illegal expenditures on behalf of the Democratic Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees; in

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particular, the complaint charged that advertisements were placed by county organizations in newspapers and Shopper Guides. These advertisements advocated the election of MICHAEL DUKAKIS, and in some instances, the appointee.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the allegations, the FEC found no reason to believe that the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee had violated Federal election laws. No further action was taken and the case was closed on September 19, 1989.

14. DATE CASE OPENED: June 6, 1990.

ALLEGATION: This matter was generated by the Audit Division of the FEC after an audit of the BENTSEN for Vice President-1988 Committee to determine compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. The audit indicated that the BENTSEN Committee may have accepted a prohibited corporate contribution. According to the FEC audit, a \$5,000.00 disbursement to the Media Southwest was originally disclosed as a "partial payment consultant" on the reports of the BENTSEN Committee.

Pursuant to Federal election laws, corporations are prohibited from making contributions or expenditures in connection with any election for Federal office and knowing acceptance of such contributions are prohibited by this law.

FEC FINDINGS: The Office of the General Counsel, after reviewing the FEC audit report, found reason to believe that the BENTSEN for Vice President-1988 and PRESTON M. GEREN, III, as Treasurer, violated 2 USC 441(b)(a) and 434(b). However, the FEC Commissioners decided, by a vote of 6-0, to take no further action against the BENTSEN for Vice President-1988 and PRESTON M. GEREN, III, as Treasurer, and it voted to close the file. Subsequently, the case was closed on July 26, 1991, and no action was taken against the appointee.

15. DATE CASE OPENED: July 30, 1990.

ALLEGATION: On July 30, 1990, the FEC received a complaint from [redacted] alleging that the Democratic Party of Oregon violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, during the 1988 election cycle. The primary issue in the complaint by [redacted] was whether the state party, in sending a

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large "absentee ballot" mailing which the complainant stated was "paid for by the House Democratic Caucus but sent through the Party," used funds from the non-Federal account to pay for portions of the mailing that benefitted Federal candidates. If the absentee ballot mailing was for the benefit of Federal candidates, the complainant further questions whether any of the related expenses should have been allocated to the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee. The complainant cites a possible violation of Federal election laws which placed certain prohibitions on the acceptance of contributions by candidates receiving monies from the presidential election campaign funds.

FEC FINDINGS: After conducting an investigation into the allegations, the FEC found no reason to believe that the Democratic Party of Oregon, the DUKAKIS/BENTSEN Committee, or the Oregon House Democratic Caucus, violated any provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. As a result of this recommendation, the FEC closed its case on the matter on March 22, 1991, and no action was taken against the appointee.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR
1707 L Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

On December 16, 1992, [REDACTED] Membership,
Records and Information Clerk, District of Columbia Bar,
Washington, D.C., advised Investigative Assistant (IA) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that no record was found regarding the appointee LLOYD
MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
450 5th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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On December 18, 1992, [] OFFICE OF
ENFORCEMENT, SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC), advised
Investigative Assistant (IA) [] that their files
contained no derogatory information concerning LLOYD MILLARD
BENTSON, JR.

[] advised SEC records contained no
derogatory information for: LINCOLN CONSOLIDATION, BLUEBONNET
LEASING, the company of which LLOYD MILLARD BENTSON, JR., is
associated.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PUBLIC INTEGRITY SECTION
Criminal Division
1400 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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On December 17, 1992, Investigative Assistant (IA) [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), Criminal Division, Public Integrity Section, Washington, D.C., concerning LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, Jr., and was advised of the following:

[redacted] Case Management Technician, Public Integrity Section, DOJ, advised IA [redacted] that a search of the files concerning the appointee was met with negative results.

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AGENCY CHECK

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS)
1800 G Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

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On December 21, 1992, Investigative Assistant (IA) [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Secret Service (USSS), Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C., and was advised that no record was found regarding the appointee LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

555 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

On December 17, 1992, IA [] submitted a request for a search to be conducted regarding LLOYD MILLARO BENTSEN, JR.

On December 15, 1992, IA [] was contacted by [] U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Liaison of the Pending and Closed Cases of the NARCOTICS, PUBLIC CORRUPTION, ECONOMIC CRIME, TRANSNATIONAL/MAJOR CRIMES UNIT. [] advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding LLOYD MILLARO BENTSEN, JR.

On December 17, 1992, IA [] was contacted by [] U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Liaison of the Pending and Closed Cases of the Civil Division. [] advised that no identifiable record could be located regarding LLOYD MILLARO BENTSEN, JR.

It should be noted that the index system of the Civil Division, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, contains only names of plaintiffs, except in Civil Actions brought by the United States against a particular defendant. Suits against government employees who are represented by the United States Attorney would be filed by plaintiff's name and docket number.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)
U.S. Park Police Department (PKPD)
1100 Ohio Drive,
Washington, D.C.

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On December 18, 1992, Investigative Assistant (IA) []
[] caused a search to be made of the records of the
above captioned agency concerning the appointee, LLOYD MILLARD
BENTSON, JR. [] Liaison of the agency reviewed the
records and advised that no identifiable Adult Criminal record
could be located regarding the appointee.

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DRIVER'S RECORD

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services
District of Columbia Government
301 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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On December 15, 1992, Investigative Assistant (IA) searched the computerized records of the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, for the District of Columbia Government and determined that no record could be located concerning the applicant, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSON, JR..

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

On December 11, 1992, a query was made of the Washington Area Law Enforcement System (WALES) computer and it was determined that no record was located at the Metropolitan Police Department concerning the appointee.

It is noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records may not be in the computer and not available for review.

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Bureau, SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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Individual interviewed was furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. No promise of confidentiality was granted.

General indices both automated and manually checked on
[REDACTED] and businesses PRISCILLA MANAGEMENT and
BLUEBONNET LEASING COMPANY with negative results.

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Title: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character: SPIN

Synopsis: Person interviewed confirmed that her company PRISCILLA YACHT MANAGEMENT, INC., was involved in leasing a yacht for BLUEBONNET LEASING COMPANY, with which the candidate was associated. Interviewee revealed no derogatory information regarding the candidate, or BLUEBONNET LEASING COMPANY.

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:

On 12/23/92, [REDACTED] PRISCILLA YACHT MANAGEMENT INC., 2150 SE 17th Street, Suite 255, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, telephone (305)523-2000, stated that her company was involved in renting the yacht MISS LIBERTY from October 1989 through December 1991. [REDACTED] stated that the boat belonged to a BLUEBONNET LEASING COMPANY (BLC), with which the candidate, LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN JR. is associated.

[REDACTED] advised that she did not know the exact relationship that the candidate held with BLC. She stated that every time that she intended to rent the yacht, she had to call the candidate to get his approval for each charter agreement.

[REDACTED] stated that she never dealt with any other individual in BLC except for the candidate's secretary [REDACTED] (LNU).

[REDACTED] stated that her company leased approximately 40 other yachts at the time that the MISS LIBERTY was in account with her. She stated that none of the charters in which the MISS LIBERTY was involved stood out as being out of the ordinary.

[REDACTED] advised that, to her knowledge, neither the MISS LIBERTY, nor BLC were ever involved in any civil or criminal action.

[REDACTED] stated that she met the candidate only once, and only spoke on the phone to him after that, so she did not feel qualified to comment further on the candidate.

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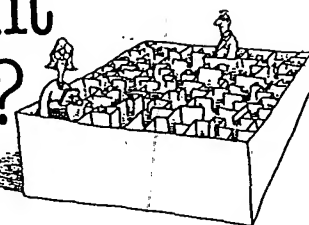
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Date 12/22/92

TO: SAC, San Antonio (161A-HQ-1042024)

FROM: Director, FBI (161A- HQ -1042024)

SUBJECT: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN JR.
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Reference PSS [redacted] telcal to SA 12/21/92; SA [redacted]
[redacted] telcal to PSS [redacted] 12/22/92; *telcal to SSRA [redacted] Austin*

In retelcalls, San Antonio was advised that clarification is needed regarding SA pending report dated 12/18/92.

On pages 9-11, three lawsuits are reported.

SA, immediately clarify the following on paper and fax to FBIHQ:

1) In State of TX vs. [redacted] et al: why did the surface owners (that is, apparently, the Bentsen family) receive more overriding royalties than did the State of Texas? Was it due to any action/inaction by Bentsens, and their heirs, that they received more than the amount received by the State of Texas.

2) was this settled out of court?

3) If so, what were the details of the settlement?

4) Have the settlement arrangements been complied with?

5) In State vs. [redacted] et al, Lloyd Bentsen, Clarify what the state charged the landowners with initially. Clarify the reporting of what happened.

6) Rather than talking to an attorney at the Office of Attorney General, are there court records relating to this? If so, they should be reviewed immediately. Possibly a review of court records will disclose details.

7) Provide results of [redacted] *.contyt*

8) On Admin page, advise more details re 147A-SA-33993. Was Bentsen a subject? Was it derogatory/pertinent against him?

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SA [redacted] 9) In retelcal, SA [redacted] advised that Bentsen is *not Bentsen, but his father owned oil Co.*

associated with an oil company--Is he currently associated with an oil company--not listed on SF-86? If so, State regulatory agencies, such as State Energy Department and State Environmental Protection Agency, and regional U.S. EPA should be checked for violations against the oil company which might reflect unfavorably against him. News articles in D.C. report that he has had his finances in a blind trust for several years and possibly he has no association with family-owned oil company. SA conduct investigation and advise FBIHQ immediately.

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Direct results/questions to PSS [REDACTED] SPIN Unit,
FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. 4755. BY NOON 12/23/92.

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against specific individuals. An inquiry for LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. indicated three different cases:

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BENTSEN was involved in a law suit in 1991 within the Energy Division of the Attorney General's Office, telephone (512) 463-2003. The law suit was filed against [redacted] et al.

The second law suit was within the Environmental Protection Division, telephone (512) 463-2012. The case, filed in 1985, entitled [redacted] et al."

The third lawsuit was within the General Litigation Division, telephone (512) 440-4550. This case was titled [redacted] vs. [redacted] et al." This case was filed in 1990 and indicated a closed status.

[redacted] further commented that there was no further available information on LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

[redacted] General Litigation Division, Office of the Attorney General, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [redacted] thereafter provided the following information:

On May 4, 1990, a lawsuit was filed by [redacted] against [redacted] et al. The [redacted] filed this complaint not as citizens of the State of Texas, but as citizens of God. They named all state elected officials; therefore, BENTSEN was named in the lawsuit.

The [redacted] stated that the defendants should be punished for allowing a foreign invasion of the United States to occur, due to the fact that American militia was sent for training out of the United States. The requested punishment for all elected state officials was eternal damnation.

The case was dismissed on May 24, 1990 for failure to state a cause of action which would have shown what statute had been violated by those state elected officials; therefore, there was no legal basis for this claim.

[redacted] Office of the Attorney General, Chief of Energy Division, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [redacted] provided the following information:

On December 17, 1991, an original petition was filed by the State of Texas against [redacted] et al. LLOYD BENTSEN, JR. was named in this lawsuit as the executor of his parents estate and also as a descendant of his father. Fourteen different individuals were named in the suit, and all but four of these individuals have entered into an agreement with the State of Texas. Judgement was agreed on December 17, 1991, and the attorney for the BENTSENS was [redacted] of the Law Firm of Atlas and Hall, McAllen, Texas.

On September 1, 1948, LLOYD BENTSEN, SR. and his brother, [redacted] purchased a tract of land (Section 552, Abstract 893, Certificate 524) in Starr County and were considered surface owners of the land. In turn, the land was leased to N. E. BUSCHER on September 1, 1948. On September 24, 1948, N. E. BUSCHER relinquished his interest to Hidalgo Willacy Oil Company, which is controlled by LLOYD and [redacted]. On October 14, 1948, Hidalgo Willacy Oil Company conveyed their interest to Rowan and Hope, but still retained overriding royalties. The royalties were supposedly divided evenly with the State of Texas, but the surface owners received more overriding royalties than did the State of Texas. Over the years, the royalties going to the BENTSENS and their heirs was more than the amount received by the State.

In April 1980, Hidalgo Willacy Oil Company merged into C and G Producing Company, and at this time a direct link to the BENTSEN brothers and this land ceased to exist.

After the state filed suit against [redacted] et al, an agreement was entered with both land owners that all of the royalties from the tract of land was to be evenly divided. On October 18, 1991, LLOYD BENTSEN, JR., as executor of both his father's and his mother's will and as an individual descendant of LLOYD BENTSEN, SR. signed an agreement with the State of Texas.

[redacted] advised that BENTSEN is no longer involved in this lawsuit in any way and could provide no further information.

[redacted] Attorney, Environmental Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [redacted] provided the following information:

On December 30, 1985, an exception was filed that dealt with specific water rights of land owners. The case was

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entitled, "Exceptions of [REDACTED] DBA Russell Plantation; LLOYD M. BENTSEN; and Rio Grande Palm Water District to Final Determination."

The suit was filed by land owners because the State of Texas took specific property to a hearing to determine landowner's water rights. The landowners were not pleased with the decision of the State of Texas and immediately appealed the decision. On June 30, 1986, the landowners then applied for new water rights under Permit 50404, to the Lloyd M. Bentsen Corporation, represented by LLOYD M. BENTSEN. They agreed with the new water rights and entered a motion to dismiss the previous appeal. The dismissal was signed August 14, 1986.

[REDACTED] further commented that this case was nothing out of the ordinary concerning water rights, and is no longer pending with LLOYD M. BENTSEN, JR.

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Title:

LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character:

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Synopsis:

Details regarding investigation on [REDACTED] revealed that he is not thought to be guilty of criminal activity, and that SENATOR LLOYD BENTSEN has had no intervention in [REDACTED]

MAX LENTS, President, Ramada club, advised that SENATOR BENTSEN is currently a member and that they are a diverse organization that puts no restrictions on membership.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

**Ramada Club
First City National Bank Building
Houston, Texas**

On December 21, 1992, MAX LENTS, President, Ramada Club, First City National Bank Building, Houston, Texas, telephone (713) 652-2932, advised that the Ramada club is a "Luncheon Club". The primary function of the club is providing an atmosphere for prominent people in the community to meet and socialize. LENTS stated that the by-laws of the club have absolutely no restrictions as far as membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. To become a member the candidate must be sponsored by at least two current members, and the board of directors must approve. The club has members of minority groups such as several Hispanics, several Women, and one Black member. LENTS knows of no unfavorable information regarding the appointee.

On December 22, 1992, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ramada Club, First City National Bank Building, Houston, Texas, telephone [REDACTED], advised that the appointee has been a member of the Ramada Club since December of 1961. He resigned in August of 1988, the reason being that he didn't feel as if he would get use out of his membership at that time. The appointee was reinstated in March, 1989. His account is current, and he is now on Government leave status. This means that he is not required to pay the full amount of fees to retain his membership.

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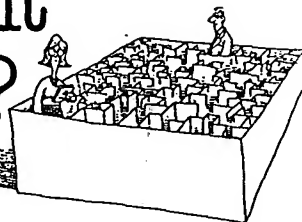
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Date 12/21/92

TO: SAC, Houston (161A-HQ-1042024)
WMFO (161A-HQ-1042024)

FROM: Director, FBI (161A- HQ -1042024)

SUBJECT: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN JR.
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Reference BuFax 12/10/92 to offices; re [redacted]
telcal to SSA [redacted] 12/21/92; [redacted] SA [redacted]
WMFO, 12/18/92; [redacted] and [redacted] WMFO, telcals to
[redacted] 12/21/92.

Via retelcal to SA [redacted] WMFO on 12/18/92, WMFO was advised that Bentsen is currently a member of River Oaks Country Club, Houston, which does not have any Black members inasmuch as they have not been sponsored by any current members. Also news articles as of 3/90 reported he was also a member of Middleburg Tennis Club, Middleburg, VA and of the Ramada Club of Houston, which also were reported as "all white private clubs". (**LEAD**) WMFO was requested to readdress with appointee his membership in social clubs which may have discriminatory admissions practices. Line of questioning should be--has he ever been in a policy making position at those clubs; what is his personal view, etc.; if he does not agree with said restrictive practices-why is he still a member, etc (or why did he rejoin them after his run for the vice presidency).

For WMFO's information only, October 1988 news reports described that nine Federal Elections Commission inquiries disclosed no wrongdoing on Bentsen's part. Continue with lead to check FEC as discussed in retelcal.

In addition, in 8/88 news reports, it was reported that Bentsen's blind trust invested in a business run by [redacted] in approximately [redacted] (see Post article attached). Note that it is not known to FBIHQ if Senator Bentsen has taken additional steps, or is currently taking additional steps, to disassociate himself entirely from any potential conflict of interest with his financial holdings and those of [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] **LEAD:** WMFO
readdress with Senator Bentsen any potential conflict of interest
which might arise out of influence awarded on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or any
other potential conflict of interest. WMFO may wish to remind
Senator Bentsen that these may be raised in confirmation hearings
anyway.

2. (**LEAD**) Contact representative of Middleburg Tennis
Club; determine if Bentsen still a member--what their admissions
practices-both overt and "do they have any members of other races,
faiths, etc.";

HOUSTON DIVISION:

1. Furnish additional details to FBIHQ concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HO may wish to xerox and furnish to FBIHQ. File
checks regarding Bentsen's relatives have not yet been furnished
to PSS [REDACTED]

2. Contact representative of Ramada Club of Houston;
determine if Bentsen still a member--what their admissions
practices-both overt and "do they have any members of other races,
faiths, etc." HO should note that the investigation done at River
Oaks was excellently covered in HQ's opinion.

Direct results/questions to PSS [REDACTED] SPIN Unit,
FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. 4755. BY NOON 12/23/92.

On 12/11/92, [REDACTED] ELSUR CLERK advised their files contained no record on the appointee BENTSEN, relatives or businesses Houston Liberty Life Insurance Co., Lincoln Consolidation and Consolidated American Life Insurance Company.

On 12/11/92, IA [REDACTED] reviewed the general/foims indices on the appointee BENTSEN, relatives and businesses Houston Liberty Life Insurance Co., Lincoln Consolidation and Consolidated American Life Insurance Co. No derogatory information could be located on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] nor the businesses. Numerous references were located on Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr. but no derogatory information could be located. A reference was located on [REDACTED] to Houston [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] University Savings Association; FIF; OO: HOUSTON. AUSA [REDACTED] advised on 9/17/92 that the case against [REDACTED] lacked prosecutorial merit from the facts developed in this investigation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No criminal wrongdoing could be found.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAN ANTONIO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/18/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/14/92-12/18/92
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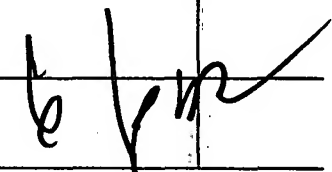
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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Houston dated 12/10/92.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: All persons contacted were apprised of the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and none requested confidentiality.

It should be noted that no personnel records regarding candidate's employment as Hidalgo County Judge from 1947-1948 could be located. In addition, no personnel records regarding candidate's self employment as an attorney in McAllen, Texas were available.

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A review of San Antonio Indices were negative concerning BENTSEN's relatives. The following files contained references concerning LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR:

1. SA file 56-309-1: JOE SULLIVAN, Democratic candidate for the office of U.S. Senator, State of Texas, alleged the Savings and Loan Association League of Texas has been sponsoring public service announcements on local television and radio stations. He considered these as political advertisements on behalf of the re-election bid of BENTSEN. SULLIVAN felt these advertisements are a violation of the Federal Election Laws. No active investigation was conducted. *NP*

2. 89-SA-36606: [redacted] Department of Corrections, sent threatening letters to Senator BENTSEN's Office. Prosecution against [redacted] was declined since he is unable to be interviewed rationally and due to the absence of specific threats. *NP*

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3. 89-EP-28829: [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] Prosecution was declined since his statements amounted to hearsay only and not specific threats. *NP*

4. 147A-SA-33993: U.S. Senator LLOYD BENTSEN and U.S. Congressman ALBERT BUSTAMANTE filed a "private bill" before Congress on behalf of one PEDRO DE KERATRY. No further information noted regarding the outcome of the bill.

5. SA file 175-30-3: U.S. Secret Service notified San Antonio FBI Office of Senator BENTSEN's visit to San Antonio. *NP*

6. 89-250-11775, Woodmur: Letter from Assistant Director OLIVER REVELL to Senator BENTSEN concerning a letter that BENTSEN received from [redacted] *NP*
No further information noted.

7. 190-1-216: FOIPA

The following files were destroyed: SA 7-974, SA 9-19-10, SA 9-1914 and 46-2902.

LEAD

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION AT AUSTIN, TEXAS: Attempt to interview attorney [redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: SAN ANTONIO

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Date:

December 18, 1992

Field Office File #:

Bureau File #:

Title:

LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character:

SPIN

Synopsis:

Appointee's birth verified as February 11, 1921 at Sharyland, Hidalgo County, Texas. Education verified at University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Appointee graduated with a Bachelor of Law, 6/1/42, and was ranked in the third decile of his class. Employment verified as self-employed attorney 1945-1948 by a former law partner; as Hidalgo County Judge from 1/1/47 until resignation 3/23/48 through the minutes of a Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court on 12/31/46. Investigation at Texas State Attorney's Office, Consumer Protection Division revealed no complaints currently on file regarding Lincoln Consolidation. Records indicated three law suits were filed involving appointee; however, investigation within Texas State Attorney General's Office, General Litigation Division, revealed all suits are closed or were dismissed. Texas State Attorney General's Office, Environment Protection Division, records indicate suit filed in 1985 regarding water rights and was dismissed in 1986. General Counsel, Texas Ethics Committee, advised that complaints are held in strict confidentiality and are sealed unless taken to trial. Court Regulatory Agency not in existence at time Appointee was working on state level; therefore, appointee's record while working within the court system unavailable. Texas State Board of Insurance negative regarding complaints or lawsuits against Lincoln Consolidated. Law enforcement checks

negative. U.S. Attorney's office negative. Membership in State Bar of Texas verified as appointee was licensed on 8/3/42 and no disciplinary actions noted.

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San Antonio Division
At San Antonio, Texas

BIRTH

The following investigation was conducted by IA []
[] on December 15, 1992:

[] Registrar's Office, Bureau of Vital
Statistics, Austin, Texas, advised their records reveal LLOYD
MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. was born on February 11, 1921, at Sharyland
(Hidalgo County), Texas, to LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN and EDNA RUTH
COLBATH BENTSEN.

This birth is recorded under Certificate Number
349440-PC.

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EDUCATION

San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

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Special Agent (SA) [] conducted the following investigation on Monday, December 14, 1992.

Registrar's Office
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

[] Senior Administrative Associate, Registrar's Office, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that she was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. She provided the official transcripts which contained the following information:

BENTSEN was admitted to the University of Texas on September 18, 1937. He graduated with a Bachelor of Law on June 1, 1942. The degree which he obtained is comparable to the modern day Doctor of Juris Prudence Degree. The records indicated that BENTSEN left college during the Spring of 1942 due to his entering active duty military service.

BENTSEN attempted and passed 141 1/2 credit hours. He was ranked in the third decile of his class.

BENTSEN attended Sharyland High School in Sharyland, Texas. He was ranked in the first quarter of his class.

BENTSEN's legal guardian was listed as LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, SR. A date of birth of September 18, 1937 and place of birth Mission, Texas, were both verified on the appointee.

There were no bars, grievances, or disciplinary actions ever filed against BENTSEN.

The official transcripts provided no further information.

EMPLOYMENT

San Antonio Division
at McAllen, Texas

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on Wednesday, December 16, 1992.

Attorney
Self-Employed
McAllen, Texas
1945 - 1948

SCOTT TOOTHAKER, date of birth August 12, 1917, an attorney with Atlas and Hall, 818 Pecan Boulevard, McAllen, Texas, telephone number (210) 682-5501, home address 4000 Neuhaus Drive, McAllen, Texas, telephone number (210) 686-6234, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. He provided the following information:

TOOTHAKER advised that he has known the appointee for the past fifty plus years. TOOTHAKER knows the appointee professionally, socially, and personally and continues to maintain an excellent relationship with him.

TOOTHAKER advised that the appointee joined a law firm in McAllen, Texas, after returning from World War II in 1945. The firm's name was Cox, Bentsen, and Taylor. Partners ORVILLE I. COX and ALBERT TAYLOR are now deceased. On February 1, 1947, TOOTHAKER and FRANKLIN EVERS joined the firm with COX and BENTSEN and it became Evers, Cox, and Bentsen. (FRANKLIN EVERS is also deceased.) For a short period of time the firm went under the name Evers, Cox, Port, Bentsen, and Toothaker, but [redacted] was not with the firm for long and returned to practice law in his hometown of Houston, Texas.

TOOTHAKER advised that BENTSEN served as Hidalgo County Judge in Edinburg, Texas during 1947-48.

BENTSEN was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1948 but remained with the law firm for approximately six months to one year after his election. Candidate then withdrew from the firm and became president of Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company in Houston, Texas.

TOOTHAKER advised that no personal records are maintained on the appointee regarding his employment as an attorney in McAllen.

TOOTHAKER advised that he knows all of the appointee's family, to include his wife, brothers, sister, children, and grandchildren, very well and considers them to be of the highest character and reputation. Appointee is an outstanding individual who is honest, trustworthy, and reliable. TOOTHAKER has never known the appointee to use profanity and stated that the entire family had a strong Baptist upbringing. TOOTHAKER has never heard one negative comment regarding appointee's reputation and stated that the appointee is very well-liked and respected by the McAllen community. Appointee associates with the finest, quality people in the McAllen, area and TOOTHAKER feels this would carry on to appointee's associates in the Washington, D.C. area as well.

Being a veteran of world War II, having served in the United States Air Force, appointee has a definite love for his country. TOOTHAKER also advised that the appointee's public service for the past forty plus years indicate that he is a loyal United States citizen.

TOOTHAKER considers appointee's strongest assets to be that he is an excellent speaker and a deep thinker who is concerned about the United States and the American people. Appointee is conscientious and has a thorough knowledge regarding any position he undertakes. Although appointee is a rather quiet man, he is able to get his point across in a very constructive way. Appointee relates well to the "common" man and is very aware of the problems that face the American people. Appointee is fair in his treatment of all individuals and has never been known to express any biases or prejudices against persons based on their race, religion, sex, age, or ethnic background.

TOOTHAKER has never known the appointee to use drugs or abuse alcohol. He advised that the appointee drinks very little alcohol, if any.

TOOTHAKER stated that the appointee has a reputation of being very solvent and he has never known the appointee to have any difficulties meeting his financial obligations.

TOOTHAKER highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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San Antonio Division
at Edinburg, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on the dates indicated below:

Hidalgo County Judge
Edinburg, Texas
January 1, 1947 - March 23, 1948

On Monday, December 14, 1992, Judge HOMER SALINAS, 92nd District Court Judge, Hidalgo County Courthouse, Edinburg, Texas, telephone number (210) 318-2252, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. He provided the following information:

SALINAS advised that he was not aware of any personnel records being maintained on the appointee regarding his term as Hidalgo County Judge. SALINAS further advised that the longest presiding judge in Hidalgo County is JOE B. EVINS, 206th District Court, and that EVINS has served in this capacity for the past twelve years. SALINAS was not aware of any Hidalgo County employees who would have worked with the appointee during his judgeship from 1947-48.

Also on December 14, 1992, [redacted] Administrative Assistant to Hidalgo County Judge J. EDGAR RUIZ, 100 East Cano Street, Edinburg, Texas, telephone number (210) 318-2600, advised that she is not aware of any personnel records maintained on former Hidalgo County Judges.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1992, [redacted] Administrative Assistant to the Hidalgo County Clerk, Hidalgo County Courthouse, 100 North Closner, Edinburg, Texas, telephone number (210) 318-2100, provided copies of the "minutes" from a Special Meeting of the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court which was held on December 31, 1946. These "minutes" revealed that the appointee's official bond as Hidalgo County Judge was approved and adopted on December 31, 1946. According to [redacted] the appointee officially took the office of Hidalgo County Judge on January 1, 1947. Appointee resigned from this position on March 23, 1948, citing his candidacy for United States Congress as the reason for his resignation.

OFFICE OF THE TEXAS STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

Special Agent [] conducted the following investigation from Tuesday, December 15, 1992 through Thursday, December 17, 1992.

State of Texas
Office of the Attorney General
Austin, Texas

[] Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Texas State Attorney General, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that she was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [] thereafter, provided the following information concerning Lincoln Consolidation:

Any complaints filed against Lincoln Consolidation would have been filed in the town in which the company existed. In addition, any complaints filed are only retained as a matter of record for a period of two years. Telephone number (713) 223-5886 (Houston, Texas) is the appropriate number to call within the Consumer Protection Division in regards to complaints within the Houston, Texas area.

Since Lincoln Consolidation is located in Houston, Texas the above number should be used. She provided no further information.

[], Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Houston, Texas Division, advised that Lincoln Consolidation is no longer in existence and has been defunct since the 1970s. Therefore, in view of the fact that complaints are only maintained on file for two years, no complaints are available for review.

[] Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Texas State Attorney General, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that she was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [] thereafter, provided the following information:

She is able to access all of the computer records for the Attorney General's Office that deal with any actions taken

STATE AND LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTION

San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

Special Agent (SA) [] conducted the following investigation from Monday, December 14, 1992 through Tuesday, December 15, 1992.

[] Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Texas, Director, State and Local Boards of Election, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted regarding the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [] provided the following information:

[] advised that his division is responsible for overseeing and administering elections within the State of Texas. His division came into existence in 1964. There would be no available records on BENTSEN from his time as a County Judge.

There are currently no records of any complaints that may have been filed against BENTSEN since 1964, due to the fact that all records have now been moved to the Texas Ethics Commission.

[] went on to say that the Office of Court Administration came into existence in the 1970s. This would be the Administration that would regulate the courts within the State of Texas. This office was not in existence when BENTSEN was working on the state level. Therefore, there would be no information on the appointee from the court regulation aspect.

[] provided no further information.

[] General Counsel, Texas Ethics Commission, Austin, Texas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted regarding the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [] provided the following information:

[] stated that any complaints that are filed with the Ethics Commission are held in strict confidentiality and the complaints are sealed unless the complaints are taken to trial.

This regulation arose from legislation passed by the Texas Legislator in 1991. In January of 1992, Article

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62529D1, Section 121, went into effect on the right to confidentiality.

Therefore, there are no available records and [REDACTED] could provide no information whether any complaints had been filed against BENTSEN.

[REDACTED] provided no further information.

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COURT REGULATORY AGENCY

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San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

Special Agent [] conducted the following investigation on Tuesday, December 15 1992.

[] Office of the Secretary of the State, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. [] provided the following information:

[] advised that the proper Court Regulatory Agency would be the Office of Court Administration.

This office came into existence in the 1970s. It was not in existence when BENTSEN was working on the state level. There was no regulatory agency within the State of Texas at that time. Therefore, there was no way to check BENTSEN's record while working with the court system.

[] provided no further information.

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STATE BOARD OF INSURANCE

San Antonio Division
at Austin, Texas

Special Agent (SA) [] conducted the
following investigation on Tuesday, December 15, 1992.

Texas State Board of Insurance
Consumers Services
333 Guadalupe Street
Tower I, Floor 11
Austin, Texas

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[] Administrative Technician III, State Board
of Insurance, (512) 463-6515, was advised of the identity of the
interviewing Agent, as well as the fact that she was being
contacted regarding the background investigation of LLOYD MILLARD
BENTSEN, JR. She provided the following information:

[] accessed all available information and found no
complaints or law suits to have ever been brought against Lincoln
Consolidations.

She provided no further information.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

San Antonio Divison
at Austin, Texas

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on Friday, December 18, 1992:

[REDACTED] Administrative Associate II, Austin Police Department, reviewed the records concerning LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., with negative results.

[REDACTED] Clerk, Travis County Sheriffs Office, reviewed the records concerning LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., with negative results.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

San Antonio Division
At McAllen, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by IA []
[] on December 15, 1992:

[] Records Clerk, Mission Police Department,
Mission, Texas, and [] Records Clerk, Hidalgo
County Sheriff's Office, Edinburg, Texas, advised that their
respective agency had no arrest information on LLOYD MILLARD
BENTSEN, JR., born February 11, 1921.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

San Antonio Divison
At Austin, Texas

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on Friday, December 18, 1992:

[REDACTED] Paralegal, Criminal Section, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, advised their records were negative concerning LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

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U.S. ATTORNEY

San Antonio Division
At McAllen, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by IA []
[] on December 15, 1992:

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[] Legal Secretary, U.S. Attorney's Office,
Southern District of Texas, Brownsville, Texas, advised that
her files were negative in reference to LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN,
JR., born February 11, 1921, on any criminal or civil case
either pending or closed.

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ORGANIZATION

San Antonio Divison
at Austin, Texas

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on Friday, December 18, 1992:

[REDACTED] Secretary, State Bar of Texas, advised LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, was licensed on August 3, 1942, and is presently a member in good standing. No disciplinary action noted and any such action must come to the attention of the State Bar.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE HOUSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Bureau	DATE 12/17/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/11/92 - 12/16/92
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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel (fax) to Houston dated 12/10/92.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted.

The information from the United States Attorney's Office was furnished by

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Title: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment at Lincoln Consolidation verified through associates. References and other acquaintances comment favorably and recommend. Membership in River Oaks Country Club verified. The Club has no restrictions on membership, has minority members except no Black members. No arrest record located for the appointee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The appointee has a current Texas driver's license with no citations or warrants. No record located for the appointee at the United States Attorney's Office.

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] unless indicated otherwise.

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EMPLOYMENT

Lincoln Consolidated, Inc.
Houston, Texas
1955 - 1970

A review of the current telephone directory for the Houston, Texas, area has no listing for Lincoln Consolidated, Inc.

On 12/14/92, [redacted] Consultant for Criterion Investments, 1000 Louisiana, Houston, Texas, telephone number [redacted] was contacted regarding the appointee. [redacted] is on the board of directors for Texas Commerce Bank and is the former chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership. [redacted] has known the appointee on both a personal and business basis since mid-1966. [redacted] worked for a firm, Texas Fund Management, which merged into Lincoln Consolidated, Inc. in approximately 1969. The appointee was the President of Lincoln Consolidated, Inc. [redacted] was the portfolio manager. The appointee left the company in approximately 1970 or 1971 when he went to serve in Congress. Lincoln Consolidate was later sold to Illinois Central (IC) Industries, a conglomerate. [redacted] continued to work for a subsidiary of IC Industries, Funds, Inc. as the Chief Executive Officer. [redacted] described the appointee as a person of the highest character who has an outstanding reputation. The appointee has favorable associates and he is absolutely a loyal American. [redacted] did not know whether the appointee belonged to any associations or organizations which restricted their membership. [redacted] stated the appointee definitely does not have any biases or prejudices. [redacted] has never known the appointee to have used illegal drugs or abused the use of alcohol or prescription drugs. As far as his abilities, the appointee has a good business reputation and is highly capable. He is in good health and financially responsible. The appointee can be trusted with classified information and there is nothing in his background which could be used to coerce or influence him. [redacted] knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and gives him the highest recommendation for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

On 12/15/92, KIRBY ATTWELL, President, Travis International, 3000 Wesleyan, Suite 350, Houston, Texas, telephone number (713) 622-7475, home address 2410 Locke Lane, telephone number (713) 529-6005, advised he has known the appointee since 1965 when he went to work for him as Vice President of Lincoln Liberty. ATTWELL advised the appointee started Consolidated American in the 1950's which merged with Lincoln Liberty in 1958. Lincoln Consolidated was a holding company formed in approximately 1968. The appointee was the President of Lincoln Consolidated. In 1/71, the appointee left the company to serve in Congress and his interests were sold to stockholders. ATTWELL became the President and in approximately 1972 the company was sold to Illinois Central Industries.

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ATTWELL described the appointee as a person of good character and reputation. His associates are favorable and he is a loyal American. The appointee has no biases or prejudices and is financially responsible. ATTWELL has never known the appointee to have used illegal drugs or abused the use of alcohol or prescription drugs. ATTWELL indicated the appointee has very good abilities and is very capable. The appointee has a good head on his shoulders, is diligent, and uses good judgment. ATTWELL knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee or nothing which could be used to influence or coerce him. ATTWELL recommends the appointee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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REFERENCES

CHARLES W. DUNCAN, JR.
#9 Briarwood Court
Houston, Texas

On 12/11/92, CHARLES W. DUNCAN, JR., Duncan Interests, 601 Travis, Houston, Texas, telephone number (713) 226-5020, was contacted regarding the appointee. DUNCAN is the ex-president of Coca Cola, former Secretary of Energy, and former Deputy Secretary of Defense. DUNCAN advised he has known the appointee for over 30 years on a social basis. He became acquainted with the appointee when the appointee moved to Houston and formed the Houston Liberty Life Insurance Company and was also a member of the Lakewood Yacht Club. DUNCAN never worked with the appointee. DUNCAN was familiar with the company name Lincoln Consolidated, Inc. but was not familiar with Consolidated American Life Insurance Company. DUNCAN advised the appointee is a person of absolutely excellent character. He has high morals and is moderate in his personal habits. He is a family man and he and his wife are among the most popular people in Texas. The appointee's reputation is impeccable and he is considered to have this reputation on a bipartisan basis. The appointee has favorable associates and does not belong to any organizations or associations which restrict their membership on the basis of sex, race, religion, or national origin. DUNCAN advised the appointee is absolutely a loyal American. DUNCAN indicated the appointee has outstanding abilities. He was a very successful businessman and did an outstanding job on the Senate Finance committee. DUNCAN indicated the appointee is in excellent health and emotionally stable. The appointee has no biases or prejudices and is financially responsible. DUNCAN has no knowledge the appointee has ever used illegal drugs or abused the use of alcohol or prescription drugs. The only alcohol usage DUNCAN is aware of for the appointee is an occasional glass of wine. DUNCAN indicated there is nothing in the appointee's background which could be used to coerce or influence him. The appointee goes to the extreme to avoid the appearance of any conflicts of interest. DUNCAN knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and recommends him without any reservation for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

BENTON F. LOVE
3705 Inverness
Houston, Texas

On 12/11/92, BENTON F. LOVE, Retired Chairman, Texas Commerce Bancshares, Inc., telephone number (713) 236-4010, advised he has known the appointee for over 30 years socially and as business associates. LOVE became acquainted with the appointee in approximately 1954 when they both belonged to the Young President's Organization. Then the appointee moved to Houston and started his insurance company. LOVE was a customer of the appointee. Then in 1967 the appointee was a customer of LOVE. LOVE described the appointee as a person of the finest character of any man he knows. He has high morals and is at the top of the list as far as character. The appointee is honest, trustworthy, and has an impeccable reputation. His associates are all favorable and quality individuals. The appointee belongs to the River Oaks Country Club with LOVE. As far as the River Oaks Country Club, LOVE knows the members include women, various religious backgrounds, and Hispanics. He did not know if there were any Black members of the River Oaks Country Club. LOVE indicated the appointee has no biases or prejudices and would not be considered a racist or bigot. The appointee is totally loyal to the United States. The appointee is "top drawer" as far as his abilities. The appointee is a leader who bring factions together and is able to accomplish something productive. He is serious minded, disciplined, and possesses rare executive abilities. The appointee is in good health and emotionally stable. LOVE is not aware of any illegal drug usage or alcohol or prescription drug abuse on the part of the appointee. The appointee is very financially responsible. LOVE is aware of nothing in the appointee's background which could be used to coerce or influence him. LOVE knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and recommends him for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government. LOVE stated the Government is lucky to have the appointee.

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OTHER ACQUAINTANCES

GERALD HINES
Houston, Texas

On 12/14/92, GERALD HINES, Hines Interests Limited Partnership, 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas, telephone number (713) 621-8000 was contacted regarding the appointee. HINES is a large commercial developer in Houston, Texas. HINES advised he has known the appointee for approximately 20 years through business and politics. The appointee is a person of outstanding character and the highest integrity. The appointee has a great reputation and is a true friend. He would walk an extra mile for a friend. The appointee has favorable associates and he is definitely a loyal American as demonstrated by his service in the military and government service. The appointee has absolutely no biases or prejudices. He belongs to the River Oaks Country Club which does have minority members. The appointee is in good health and enjoys playing tennis. As far as the appointee's abilities, he has a great understanding of government and business. He has conservative fiscal policies yet is sensitive to the underprivileged. HINES has never known the appointee to have used illegal drugs or abused the use of alcohol or prescription drugs. The appointee is financially responsible. HINES was aware of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and nothing in his background which could be used to coerce or influence him. HINES gives his highest recommendation for the appointee for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

KEN LAY
Houston, Texas

On 12/15/92, KEN LAY, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Enron Corporation, 1400 Smith, Houston, Texas, telephone number (713) 853-6161 advised he has known the appointee well for the last twelve years and had known him casually before that. He became acquainted with the appointee through his role in the U.S. Senate and he knows the appointee both professionally and socially. LAY and the appointee have many mutual friends. LAY described the appointee as a person of outstanding character who has an excellent reputation. The appointee is an individual with high moral standards, is honest, and ethical. His associates are individuals of the same high caliber and the appointee is absolutely loyal to the United States as demonstrated by his fine public service. The appointee has no biases or prejudices and is particularly sensitive and fair to minorities. LAY has never known the appointee to have used illegal drugs or abused the use of alcohol or prescription drugs. The appointee is a very good businessman and very financially responsible. The appointee has outstanding capabilities, is smart, focused, hard working, and very capable. He is in excellent health. LAY knows of nothing unfavorable regarding the appointee and nothing which could be used to coerce or influence him. The appointee is fair minded and committed to country, community, and family. LAY gives the appointee the highest recommendation for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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ORGANIZATION

River Oaks Country Club
1600 River Oaks Boulevard
Houston, Texas

On 12/16/92, WALTER H. ASCHE, General Manager, River Oaks Country Club, 1600 River Oaks Boulevard, Houston, Texas, telephone number (713) 529-4321, advised the appointee became a member of the River Oaks Country Club with all privileges on 6/11/57. He dropped his membership in August 1988 and reinstated his membership in February 1989. The appointee is presently a member in good standing. At the age of 60, the Club allows a member to transfer from an active member to an associate senior member which the appointee did in 1982. ASCHE advised the by-laws of the Club have absolutely no restrictions as far as membership on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin. In order to become a member of the Club, one must be sponsored by two active members of the Club. The initiation fee must be paid and the account must be kept current. The Club has minority members including Hispanics, Jewish, women, and others. However, ASCHE indicated the Club does not have any Black members inasmuch as no active members have sponsored them. ASCHE advised the appointee's account is current. ASCHE has only met the appointee once, but knows of nothing unfavorable regarding him. The appointee's sons are also members of the Club.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

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The following investigation was conducted by IA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Houston, Texas.

On 12/11/92, computerized files of the Texas Criminal Information Center (TCIC), both wanted and criminal history databases, were checked regarding the following individual(s) with negative results:

The appointee LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. and relatives

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

All arrests, both felony and first offense misdemeanors, made in every city and county in the State of Texas are recorded in the TCIC database. This is a reliable and accurate database which will contain not only data concerning possible arrests in an individual's place of residence and employment but also any other place in the State of Texas the individual may have travelled.

On 12/14/92, a Harris County Justice Information Management System computer criminal record inquiry was conducted on Bentsen and his relatives with negative results except for

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 12/14/92, a Texas Department of Public Safety driving record inquiry was conducted on the appointee. His driver's license is current and expires 2/11/96. He has no traffic citations or warrant record. His driver's license reflects an address of P.O. Box 593, Mission, Texas, 78572.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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The following investigation was conducted by IA
 at Houston, Texas.

On 12/12/92, the UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
advised their files contained no record on the appointee LLOYD
MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/17/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/14/92 - 12/15/92
TITLE OF CASE LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. #45505		REPORT MADE BY IA 	TYPED BY: dls
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

REFERENCE: Bureau facsimile to St. Louis, 12/10/92

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted.

St. Louis Division General indices were negative regarding appointee.

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Report of: IA [REDACTED]
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Bureau File #: 161A-HQ-1042024

Title: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: BENTSEN served honorably in ARMY AIR CORPS. Foreign service, awards, performance ratings and military occupations reported.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

MILITARY SERVICE

On December 15, 1992, a review of the records on file at the FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, Military Branch, 9700 Page Boulevard, disclosed LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., Service Number 18 104 481, enlisted and entered on active duty in the ARMY on April 11, 1942, at San Antonio, Texas. He was released from active duty and honorably discharged on October 27, 1942, as a Corporal, at Miami, Florida, to accept an appointment as a commissioned officer.

BENTSEN, Service Number AO 564 794, was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the ARMY AIR CORPS on October 28, 1942, at Miami, Florida. He was honorably released from active duty on July 20, 1945, as a Major, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, by reason of demobilization and transferred to the ARMY RESERVE. He then

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served in the ARMY RESERVE, inactive status, until December 6, 1945, when honorably discharged to accept an appointment in the AIR FORCE RESERVE.

BENTSEN was appointed a Major in the AIR FORCE on December 7, 1945, at Mission, Texas. He then served in the AIR FORCE RESERVE, inactive status, until January 16, 1959, when honorably discharged, as a Colonel, by reason of resignation.

He had foreign service in Brazil from January, 1943, to May, 1943, and in Italy from July, 1944, to April, 1945. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. There was no record of courts-martial or unauthorized absence and his performance was rated as ranging from excellent to outstanding.

His military occupations were listed as pilot and combat intelligence officer. A security clearance was not indicated.

His date and place of birth were shown as February 11, 1921, at Mission, Texas.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/17/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/16-17/92
TITLE OF CASE LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. #46505		REPORT MADE BY IA 	TYPED BY: ofc
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

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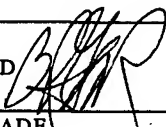
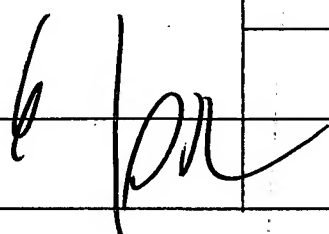

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: BUDED: 12/21/92

All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted.

Baltimore general indices negative regarding appointee.

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Date: December 17, 1992

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Bureau File #: 161A-HQ-1042024

Title: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character: Special Inquiry

Synopsis: No record MSP or U. S. Attorney's Office regarding
appointee.

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DETAILS:

CRIMINAL

On December 16, 1992, IA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the records of the Maryland State Police (MSP), State Central Crime Records Bureau, Pikesville, Maryland, and it was determined that their files contained no record for the appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 17, 1992, IA [REDACTED] contacted MEL STERQUEL, Docket Clerk, U. S. Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, who advised that her files revealed no current or past prosecutive proceedings regarding the appointee, either civil or criminal.

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December 17, 1992

TO: INVESTIGATION BACKGROUND BRANCH (IBB)
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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT
FBI HEADQUARTERS

PLEASE SEARCH THE FOLLOWING NAMES THROUGH OPM RECORDS:

NAME

DOB

SSAN

LLOYD M. BENTSEN JR.

2-11-21

449-60-1090 NO RECORD by SSAN
OR NAME

NO RECORD by SSAN
OR NAME

NO RECORD by SSA
OR NAME

IF ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
SPIN FAX NUMBER IS 324-2574.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE RICHMOND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 12/16/92	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/14/92
TITLE OF CASE LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR. #46505		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY: sbd
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPIN	

REFERENCE: Bureau facsimile to Houston dated 12/10/92

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were furnished the appropriate provisions of the Privacy Act. Express promises of confidentiality have not been granted.

Richmond indices negative regarding appointee.

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Title:

LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

No arrest record could be located in the files of the CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Clarke County, regarding the appointee. A review of the CLARKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, Clarke County, Va., records failed to disclose any property currently owned by the appointee. Records indicate that the appointee sold property commonly known as Bellfield Farms, Clarke County, on 10/17/89.

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DETAILS:

ARREST

On December 14, 1992, a review of the CLARKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Clarke County, Virginia, records failed to reveal any information identifiable with the appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 14, 1992, LINDA COUMES, Treasurer, Clarke County, Virginia, advised that the appointee had previously owned the Bellfield Farms in Clarke County; however, the property was sold to [REDACTED]

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On December 14, 1992, a review of the records of the CLARKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, Clarke County, revealed that on October 17, 1989, the appointee and [REDACTED] sold two parcels of land commonly known as Bellfield Farms to [REDACTED] and PROFUNDUS, VIRGINIA, PROPERTIES, INCORPORATED. Bellfield Farms consisted of 120 acres more or less located about three miles on the southern side of Route 622. The Bellfield Farms transaction is recorded in the CLARKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT Clerk's Office Deed Book, page 699. The legal description of Bellfield Farms consists of 128 acres more or less on the southern side of Route 622 about three miles south of Millwood in the Greenway Magisterial District of Clarke County. Records do not reveal the location of the sales transaction for Bellfield Farms.

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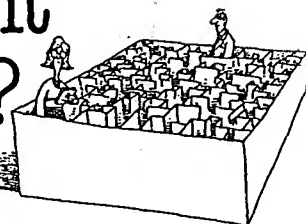
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FROM: Director, FBI (161A- HQ -1042024)

SUBJECT: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN JR.
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Reference Bifax 12/10/92 to offices except Baltimore; re
[redacted] telcal to SSA [redacted] SA; and SA [redacted]
[redacted] telcal to [redacted] 12/15/92.

For info Baltimore, candidate for Cabinet-level position has D/POB 2/11/21 in Sharyland, TX, resides 1810 Kalorama Sq., NW Washington, D.C., and SSAN 449-60-1090.

As stated in re Bifax, appointee's SF-86 did not include his employments/residences back to his 18th birthday. In addition, during his interview conducted by WMFO, he furnished contact points **which can, but do not have to be,** used to verify employments.

From 1945 to 1946, he practiced law with attorney Franklin Ewers in McAllen, Texas; believes, but is not sure, EWERS is now deceased.

1946 to 1948, he was county judge for Hidalgo County, Texas, verifiable by attorney [redacted] and attorney [redacted] address/telephone unknown, but probably practicing in McAllen, Texas; or attorney [redacted] Austin, Texas. [redacted] (SA)

1948 to 1955, he was a U.S. Congressman, Washinton, D.C.

1955 to 1971, he founded and was President of Consolidated American Life Insurance Co., Houston, Texas, which merged in 1958 with Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Co., Lincoln, NE. (However, the executive offices remained in Houston). Contact points are Charles Miller, Houston, 713-751-2455; and KIRBY ATWELL, Houston, 713-529-6005.

Residences are:

1942-1945 - USA, Italy and Brazil with U.S. Army Air Corps;
1946-1955 - Betty Rose Circle, McAllen, TX;
1948-1951 - RFD 2 Springbrook, Silver Spring, MD;

1951-1955 - 5044 Millwood, Spring Valley, Washington D.C.
1956-1965 - 9030 Sandringham, Houston, TX
1965-1971 - 3330 Inwood, Houston, TX
1971-1974 - 2400 O Street, NW, Washington DC
1974-1977 - 2700 Calvert St., NW, Washington DC

LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION:

1. Check law enforcement and U.S. Attorney's office.

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HOUSTON DIVISION:

1. Use the additional information above to verify employments.

2. During interviews of references and associates, obtain comments, if possible, verifying status as a U.S. Congressman during 1940s-1950s. Also during interviews of references, determine if they have any knowledge of Bentsen and the BLUEBONNET LEASING CO. WASHINGTON, D.C. Bentsen indicated he was President of this company until 2 years ago, and that it has been dissolved.

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SAN ANTONIO DIVISION:

1. As stated in retelcal, check State Insurance Commission, if records would still exist which regulated Bentsen's insurance company (for complaints). Also check State Attorney General's office department which regulated county judges, and any other feasible regulatory agencies. Also, use additional information above to verify employments. [redacted]

WMFO:

1. Ascertain more info concerning BLUEBONNET LEASING CO. and/or attempt to verify the nature of the business, length of association, etc., via interviews of associates.

Direct results/questions to PSS [redacted] SPIN Unit, FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. [redacted]

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RELEASE OF PERSONNEL SECURITY INFORMATION

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PERIOD OF INVEST: 2, 3 December 1965

At McAllen and Mission, Texas: Following data verified and references and neighbors interviewed. No adverse information developed regarding the SUBJECT's character, reputation or loyalty.

1. EMPLOY: 1950-1955: Served as U.S. Representative, 15th District of Texas, confirmed by informants.
1948-1950: County Judge, Hidalgo County, Texas, previous to 1948, practicing attorney, law firm of Cox-Taylor and Bentsen. SUBJECT highly regarded in area.

2. REFS :	NAME	ADDRESS	TIME KNOWN
	Mr. B. A. SPILLER (D)	Exec. V.P. First National Bank of McAllen, McAllen, Texas	25 years

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	[REDACTED] (D)	Attorney [REDACTED] McAllen, Texas	1931-1965
NEIGHS:	NAME	ADDRESS	TIME KNOWN
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] McAllen, Texas	1947-1955
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] McAllen, Texas	1945-1955

4. CREDIT: Favorable at McAllen, Texas, 2 December 1965

A&TS 5. POLICE: No record at McAllen and Mission, Texas, 2, 3 December 1965

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4. CREDIT: Favorable at Houston on 29 November 1965.

5. POLICE: No record at Houston Police Department on 29 November 1965.

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TO HDQS
FROM SAC DFO
SUBJ LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR 471 783 SAA ID/4/B
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AT WASH DC-- FOLLOWING REFS & NEIGHS INTERVIEWED. NO ADVERSE INFO
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[REDACTED]	RM 303 CANNON HOUSE	1936-65
- CO WORKER-	OFFICE BLDG- WASH DC	
[REDACTED]	AMER BANKERS ASSO RM 1200	1948-65
	815 CONN AVE NW WASH DC	
HON THOMAS PICKETT -D-	ASSO AMER RAILROAD	1948-65
- FORMER CONGRESSMAN-	RM 944, TRANSPORTATION BLDG	
	WASH DC	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1948-65
- PROF & SOCIAL-	WASH DC	
[REDACTED]	RM 323 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE	1948-54
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3. CREDIT - NO RECORD AT WASH DC 22 NOV 65.

4. POLICE - NO RECORD AT WASH DC 18 NOV 65.

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REQUEST FOR CREDIT CHECK

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DATE 12/10/92

TO: CONTRACTOR
FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT (SPIN), CID

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ATTENTION: ROOM 4371 EXT.

RESPONSE CRITERIA

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TYPE OF REQUEST

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SUBJECT'S NAME: BENTSEN, LLOYD MILLARD JR

MAIDEN:

DATE OF BIRTH (DOB): 02/11/21 PLACE OF BIRTH (POB): SHARYLAND, TX

SEX: M SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER (SSAN): 449-60-1090

SPOUSE'S NAME:
AKA:

MAIDEN:

SUBJECT'S CURRENT
ADDRESS:

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

SUBJECT'S
ADDRESS(ES)
FOR LAST
SEVEN (7) YEARS:

WASHINGTON, DC 20008

ENCLOSURE - RELEASE FORM TO BE ATTACHED

6/2/92

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Carefully read this authorization to release information about you, then sign and date it in ink.

I Authorize any investigator, special agent, or other duly accredited representative of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, and any authorized Federal agency, to obtain any information relating to my activities from schools, residential management agents, employers, criminal justice agencies, retail business establishments, or other sources of information. This information may include, but is not limited to, my academic, residential, achievement, performance, attendance, disciplinary, employment history, and criminal history record information.


I Understand that, for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and other sources of information, a separate specific release will or may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

I Further Authorize the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Defense, and any other authorized agency, to request criminal record information about me from criminal justice agencies for the purpose of determining my eligibility for, assignment to, or retention in, a sensitive position, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 9101.

I Authorize custodians of records and sources of information pertaining to me to release such information upon request of the investigator, special agent, or other duly accredited representative of any Federal agency authorized above regardless of any previous agreement to the contrary.

I Understand that the information released by records custodians and sources of information is for official use by the Federal Government only for the purposes provided in this Standard Form 86, and may be redisclosed by the Government only as authorized by law.

Copies of this authorization that show my signature are as valid as the original release signed by me. This authorization is valid for two (2) years from the date signed.

Signature (Sign in Ink) 		Full Name (Type or Print Legibly) Lloyd Millard Bentsen, Jr.		Date Signed 12/17/92	
Other Names Used				Social Security Number 41 419 - 610 - 1101910	
Current Address (Street, City) 1810 Kalorama Square, NW, Washington			State D C	ZIP Code 2 0 0 0 8	Home Telephone Number (Include Area Code) (202) 234-7776

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BENTSEN, LLOYD MILLARD J
1810 KALORAMA SQUARE
WASHINGTON, DC 20008

SSN: 449601090

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CREDIT BUREAU REPORTS, INC.
BOX 36403 HOUSTON, TX 77236

----- IDENTIFICATION -----
----- MULTIPLE 1 -----

NAME: BENTSEN, LLOYD M JR
SPOUSE:

SSN: 449601090 DOB: 02-00-21

ADDRESS: 240 SENATE OFF BLDG BD WASHINGTON, DC 20510
1919 SMITH ST HOUSTON, TX 77002
1810 KALORAMA NW WASHINGTON, DC 20008

DATE:

EMPLOYER: U S GOVERNMENT WASHINGT DC

FORMER EMPLOY: UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGT DC
OCCUPATION: SENATOR

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03-16-92	444FZ00584	BELL ATL			

----- CREDITOR IDENTIFICATION -----

181ZB00068	TRW RELS ***	(619) 552-1414
	5010 SHOREHAM PL #100, SAN DIEGO CA 92122	

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444CG00377	SHOPPERS CHARGE ACCOUNTS 574 SUMMIT AVE, JERSEY CITY NJ 07306	(201) 656-2000
444FZ00584	BELL ATLANTIC MOBILE 180 WASHINGTON VALLEY RD, BEDMINSTER NJ 07921	(908) 306-7000
491DC02682	GARFINCKELS 1401 F STREET NW, WASHINGTON DC 20004	(202) 408-5530
491DC05479	WOODWARD & LOTHROP 2800 EISENHOWER AVENUE, ALEXANDRIA VA 22314	(703) 329-5050
491FM31505	PERPETUAL SAVINGS BANK 2034 EISENHOWER AVE, ALEXANDRIA VA 22313	(703) 838-6000
495DC00435	SAKOWITZ (HOUSTON) 3340 SEVERN AVE, METAIRIE LA 70002	(504) 889-9400
496ON00317	FIRST USA BANK POB 8650, WILMINGTON DE 19899	(800) 955-9900
701DC00529	NORDSTROMS SEE BRANCH LISTING, SEATTLE WA 98111	(206) 000-0000
850FM01091	SIGNET MORTGAGE CORPORTATION 101 GATEWAY PARKWAY 4TH FLOOR, RICHMOND VA 23235	(804) 560-2345
905ON01950	CITIBANK OF SOUTH DAKOTA, NA 701 EAST 60TH ST NORTH, SIOUX FALLS SD 57117	NOT AVAILABLE
906BB00115	CITIBANK - VISA P.O. BOX 6500, SIOUX FALLS SD 57117	BY MAIL ONLY
906CG00118	SAKS FIFTH AVE 450 WEST 15TH ST, NY NY 10011	(212) 940-5359
906DC00151	LORD & TAYLOR 424 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK NY 10018	(212) 545-4800
906DC00656	NEIMAN MARCUS 2727 REALTY DR., CARROLLTON TX 75006	BY MAIL ONLY
906ON00259	AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATE PO BOX 7871, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33329	BY MAIL ONLY

----- CONSUMER REFERRAL DATA -----

VENDOR: C B I
BUREAU ID: CBI
PULL DATE: 921214
PULL TIME: 145846

LOCATION:

EQUIFAX CREDIT INFO SERVICES
5505 PEACHTREE DUNWOODY 600
ATLANTA, GA 30342
(404) 250-4100

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CUSTOMER NUMBER: 00000049	INPUT DATE: 921211	SCORE MODEL: S515P049
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----- END OF REPORT -----

December 4, 1992

BY COURIER

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To:

[redacted]
Counsel
Office of the President-Elect
1120 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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Unit Chief
Special Inquiry Unit
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 4371, J. Edgar Hoover Building
10th & Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Re: LLOYD BENTSEN
FBI NAME CHECK

Pursuant to a request of the President - elect's Transition staff received December 2, 1992, the FBI has completed a name check concerning Mr. Bentsen. This name check, including a check of the FBI's Identification Division records, located no pertinent information on Mr. Bentsen.

Should your office have any questions concerning the above, please contact myself or Supervisory Personnel Security Specialist [redacted] at 202-324-2568.

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Note: On 12/4/92, [redacted] Counsel, Transition Office, was orally advised of the results of this name check by SP55 [redacted] SPIN Unit, FBIHQ.

On 12/3/92, Unit Chief (UC) [redacted] Public Corruption Unit, Criminal Investigative Division, advised

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Director's Sec'y _____

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PSS [REDACTED] SPIN, that Mr. Bentsen is not a subject in the FBI ongoing House Banking Investigation (file number 46A-WF-179870). On the same date, SSA [REDACTED] Supervisory Special Agent, Squad C-9, WMFO, advised PSS [REDACTED] that there are no special indices on this investigation and that any referenced information could be located during a review of a WMFO FOIMS check. WMFO FOIMS were negative concerning Mr. Bentsen on this matter.

This name check is complete.

December 2, 1992
(Date)

TO: FBI (ATTENTION: EXECUTIVE AGENCIES DISSEMINATION UNIT)
FROM: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT
SUBJECT: FBI NAME CHECK REQUEST

Candidate's Name Lloyd Bertsen
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Other Names Used _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Date of Birth February 11, 1921 Place of Birth Mission, Texas

SSAN: _____

Present Address _____

Attachments: _____

Consent Form
Other

Remarks/Special Instructions:

TREAT AS ORIGINAL - FACSIMILE

FAX

12/10/92

FROM: Director, FBI (161A - HQ -NEW)
TO: SACs, Houston (Enc.)
Richmond (release form)
San Antonio (Enc.)
Saint Louis (release form)
WMFO (Enc.)

LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR.
SPIN;
OO: FBIHQ
BUDED: 12/21/92

Enclosed for HO, SA and WMFO is a copy of Bentsen's SF-86 (including release of information form) dated 12/7/92. Enclosed for SL and RH is a release form)

Bureau has been requested by the Office of the President Elect (OPE) to conduct an expedite Level I background investigation (BI) of appointee in connection with a Presidential appointment (which requires Senate confirmation). Appointee was born February 11, 1921, at Sharyland, Texas, resides at 1810 Kalorama Square, Northwest, Washington, D.C., and has SSAN 449-60-1090.

Senator Bentsen is scheduled to furnish additional information concerning his background to the FBI. Additional leads will be set out at that time. Limited information obtained by FBIHQ is being provided to field offices to provide field with as much as time as possible to conduct lead coverage.

Field Offices are reminded that the investigative status of a BI, all deadlines and the position for which the appointee is being considered shall not be disclosed to any interviewees. If during the course of the investigation, interviewees provide the nature of the position, that information is not to be further divulged outside the FBI. Inquiries by interviewees concerning the nature of the position are to be handled as set forth in MIOG, Part II, Section 17-5 (5). Appointees making inquiries regarding the status of their BI are to be referred to the client agency.

Direct results/questions to PSS [] SPIN Unit, FBIHQ, Room 4371, Ext. 4755. If BUDED will not be met, telephonically advise PSS [] and set forth reason(s) in Administrative section of investigative report. SPIN Unit facsimile numbers are: (202) 324-2574 and (202) 324-1373.

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Fax to SACs, Houston, et al dated 12/10/92
Re: Lloyd Bentsen

Advise FBIHQ (PSS [] and appropriate field offices of any derogatory information in accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section 17-5.1(1).

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LEADS:

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE:

In addition to investigation to be conducted in those areas marked for coverage in appointee's SF-86, receiving offices are to conduct specific investigation set forth below.

HOUSTON DIVISION:

1. Determine if Lincoln Consolidation is/was a banking institution. If so, immediately advise FBIHQ and check appropriate local State banking regulatory agencies, **setting any necessary leads immediately to San Antonio.** If Lincoln Consolidation still exists, interview corporate counsel and have records checked. If any lawsuits, complaints, etc., filed against Bentsen, explore completely.

2. Interview at least 6 persons knowledgeable concerning Bentsen, including high-level persons in community.

3. Check appropriate U.S. Attorneys office.

RICHMOND:

1. Bentsen lists he is proprietor of Bellfield Farm, Clarke County, VA. Check law enforcement records.

SAN ANTONIO:

1. Check State and local Boards of Elections for complaints.

2. Check Texas state bar and grievance records.

3. Check any appropriate court regulatory agencies.

4. Check BVS.

5. Check Texas State Attorney General's office for any pertinent information on Bentsen, Lincoln Consolidation, or Bentsen's judgeship position.

6. Check U.S. Attorney's office.

SAINT LOUIS:

1. Check FRC-M.

WMFO DIVISION:

1. Interview appointee in accordance with MIOG, Part II, Section 17-5.6. Address thoroughly any past suits, complaints, FEC complaints specifically, etc. Obtain additional information concerning Bluebonnet Leasing and notify FBIHQ if additional regulatory agencies may be needed. After obtaining Bluebonnet information, interview knowledgeable persons there, specifically a corporate counsel if there is one. Determine Bentsen's current status and if complaints/lawsuits filed.

2. Interview at least 23 persons knowledgeable concerning Senator Bentsen.

3. Check FEC; obtain details and disposition of any complaints filed.

4. Check SEC re Lincoln Consolidation and Bluebonnet Leasing.

5. Check PIS.

6. Check D.C. Bar and grievance records.

7. Check U.S. Attorneys offices.

8. Check White House.

9. Check USSS.

**IMPORTANT
AND URGENT**

SPIN - White House

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DEC 03 1992

TO: X SERVICE UNIT, ROOM 5991
X FORWARD TO FILE REVIEW, ROOM 5447, TL# 143

FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT (SPIN)
[REDACTED] ROOM 4371, TL# 114, EXT. 6941

SCOPE OF SEARCH:

X UNRESTRICTED (ADB)

TYPE OF SEARCH REQUESTED:

X ALL REFERENCES (SECURITY & CRIMINAL)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

X EXACT NAME ONLY (ON THE NOSE)

ALL VARIATIONS

Subject: LLOYD BENTSEN
AKA (s):
DOB & POB: 02/11/21 - MISSION, TEXAS
SSAN: UNKNOWN
Localities

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Bentsen, Lloyd

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for results of
review of
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DOB

*2/11/21*Mission
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199-4441-71 SFR / NP

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62 - 117121 - 489 x 8 NP
502 - NP

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147-26796-6 NP

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94-47514-10 NP

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9-67276-victim; 63723-30

199-4441-71 - SFR - called NP

62-115656-345

63-19495-80x - locate

67-HQ-8-4532 - called

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* 29-73333-20 call NP

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TO: X SERVICE UNIT, ROOM 5991
X FORWARD TO FILE REVIEW, ROOM 5447, TL# 143

FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT (SPIN)
[REDACTED] ROOM 4371, TL# 114, EXT. 6941

SCOPE OF SEARCH:

X UNRESTRICTED (ADB)

TYPE OF SEARCH REQUESTED:

X ALL REFERENCES (SECURITY & CRIMINAL)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

X EXACT NAME ONLY (ON THE NOSE)

ALL VARIATIONS

Subject: LLOYD BENTSEN
AKA (s):
DOB & POB: 02/11/21 - MISSION, TEXAS
SSAN: UNKNOWN
Localities

R# 585 Date 12-2-92 Searcher Initials 524

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date _____ ident adb inactive ref.

*NP	89AEP-28829	Victim			
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NP	9-70942				
NP	9-0-27374				
NP	9-0-27383				
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Numerous Reference
Search Slip

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Subject

Bentsen, Lloyd

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Date

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I	190-60189					
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I	89-6091	victim				
	K:0 nap-85	-17215				
	9-64045					
	9-66936					
	9-63899					
* I	44-70378	victim				
* I	62-0-90095	letter				
* I	62-0-89684					
* I	63-0-48566					
* I	89-2483					
I	89-0-1436	CT 89-2483				
I	89-0-1425	CT 89-2483-8X				
I	175-532					
I	89-3767	CT 44-70378				
I	89-0-1140	CT 44-70378				
	9-60506					
* I	56-5129					
* I	87-128407					10/19/73
* I	87-139015					11/8/75
* I	89-0-915					
* I	94-39942					
* Exact Name Only; List			DEC 03 1992			
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IDENT CHECK ROOM 1122B TUBE J1, ATTN: [REDACTED]

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FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT, DIV 6, RM 4371, TL# 114
EXT: 4755 ATTN: PSS [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN

BUDED: 12/14/92

THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AN EXPEDITE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED SUBJECT, WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK APPROPRIATE INDICES BASED UPON AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT, EMPLOYMENT, AND ALL CLOSE RELATIVES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE RESULTS OF YOUR CHECK, WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, BE INDICATED IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW, AND RELAYED TO THE SPECIAL INQUIRY UNIT, RM 4371, VIA ROUTING SLIP MARKED 'URGENT'.

SUBJECT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
RESULT NAME: LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN
DOB: 02/11/21
POB: SHARYLAND, TX
SSAN: 449-60-1090
CURRENT ADDRESS: 1810 KALORAMA SQ
WASHINGTON, DC 20008
EMPLOYMENT: UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Relatives ONLY!

CLOSE RELATIVES

2W 12-14-92
3590
DW 12-11-92

RESULT	NAME	DOB	RESIDENCE
			1810 KALORAMA SQ WASHINGTON, DC 20008

* UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH ARREST RECORD
ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
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CHECK CONDUCTED BY: _____, ON _____

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TO: ELSUR - ROOM 4997, TL# 114 -(Eliminate references
where possible based on DOB)
NCIC - ROOM 1328, TL# 153 - Wanted & CCH Files
Attn: [redacted]
NADDIS - ROOM 4371, DATA BANKS BOX
Attn: [redacted]
NEXIS - ROOM 4371, DATA BANKS BOX
Attn: [redacted]
IDENT - Attn: [redacted]
OCIS, ISIS, and IIS entered on:
FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY - Room 4371, TL# 114 [redacted]
* [redacted] Unit Chief *
SUBJECT: LLOYD BENTSEN

The Bureau has been requested to conduct an expedite investigation of the above-captioned subject, who is being considered for an unspecified Presidential appointment. The indicated unit is requested to check appropriate indices based upon available information concerning subject, employment, and all close relatives. It is requested that the results of your checks, positive or negative, be indicated in the spaces provided below, and relayed to the Special Inquiry Unit (SPIN), Room 4371, TL# 114, via routing slip marked "URGENT", on or before BUDED.

Subject is described as follows:

RESULT Name: LLOYD BENTSEN
AKA(s) [redacted]

DOB: 02/11/21
POB: MISSION, TEXAS
SSAN: UNKNOWN
Current Residence:

Employment: N/A

<u>Result</u>	<u>Relatives Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Residence</u>
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UNITED STATES ARMY PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

Name Bentsen Jr Lloyd Millard
(Surname) (Given name) (Middle name)
(Please type or print plainly)



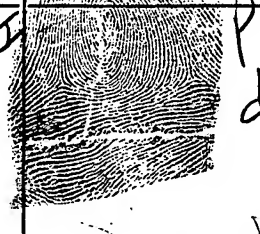


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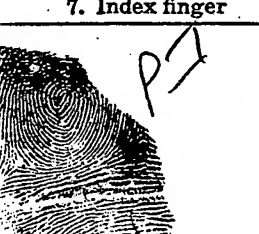


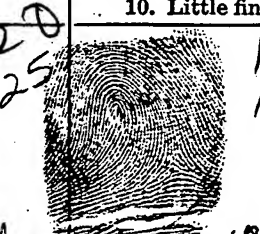
Color White Sex Male

Reference

RIGHT HAND

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LEFT HAND

6. Thumb  19	7. Index finger  PI	8. Middle finger  PI PI	9. Ring finger  20 25	10. Little finger  17 16
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Impressions taken by:


Note amputations

Signature:

[Redacted box]

Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr.


Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left Hand

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Left thumb Right thumb

	
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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right Hand

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MILITARY FINGERPRINT CARD

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~~Officer*~~ Nurse* ~~Warrant Officer*~~
~~Cadet*~~ Enlisted Man*

Bentsen, Jr. Lloyd Millard
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle name)

Serial number 18.104 481

~~Regular Army*~~ ~~Enlisted Reserve Corps*~~
~~Officers' Reserve Corps*~~ ~~National Guard of United States*~~
~~National Guard, State of~~ ~~Army of the US~~

Private Army of the US
 (Grade) (Arm or service, or, if O. R. C., section)

Appointed or enlisted 4-11-42, 19____,

at San Antonio, Texas

Original entry into service 4-11-42, 19____

Last prior service None, 19____

Color or race White Height 72 inches.

Weight 159 Build Medium

Eyes Brown Hair Brown Complexion Ruddy

Scars and marks None

Date of birth 2-11-21

Place of birth Mission, Texas

Fingerprints taken APR 10 1942, 19____,

at Fort Sam Houston, Texas

* Strike out words not applicable.

Effective July 1, 1939, this form will be forwarded to The Adjutant General of the Army in the following instances except as otherwise indicated:

REGULAR ARMY:

Officers, nurses, warrant officers, cadets, and enlisted men at the time of original appointment or enlistment, respectively.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE:

Enlisted men, same as Regular Army.

NATIONAL GUARD OF UNITED STATES:

Officers at the time of original appointment in National Guard, United States, and enlisted men when inducted into active Federal service unless previously made on this form and already forwarded or available for forwarding.

RESERVE CORPS:

Officers at the time of acceptance of original appointment and enlisted men when called to Federal service in time of national emergency expressly declared by Congress.

PHILIPPINE SCOUTS:

Enlisted men, upon original enlistment, form to be retained in Philippine Islands.

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SINCE NEITHER FINGERPRINTS NOR AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER WHICH IS INDEXED IN OUR FILES ACCOMPANIED YOUR REQUEST, FBI CANNOT GUARANTEE IN ANY MANNER THAT THIS MATERIAL CONCERNS THE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM YOU ARE INTERESTED.

"TRANSITION"

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OCIS, TIS, and IIS entered on:

FROM: SPECIAL INQUIRY - Room 4371, TL# 114 [redacted]

[redacted] Unit Chief *

SUBJECT: LLOYD BENTSEN, BUDED: A.S.A.P.

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Subject is described as follows:

RESULT Name:
AKA(s)
DOB:
POB:
SSAN:
Current Residence:

Fingerprints ONLY.

Employment: CLINTON TRANSITION TEAM

<u>Result</u>	<u>Relatives Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Residence</u>

CHECK CONDUCTED BY: _____

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BENTSEN, LLOYD MILLARD JR W 601 02/11/21
MNU SOC 449 60 1090 SEX M
USCP0000Z US CAPITOL POLICE PRT REC
WASHINGTON US 12/16/92
A SEARCH OF THE FINGERPRINTS ON THE ABOVE
INDIVIDUAL HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE PRIOR ARREST
DATA. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
12/16/92 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

USCP0000Z
CHIEF
US CAPITOL POLICE
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH
119 D STREET NE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: LOYD MILLARD BENTSEN
SPIN

Reference: _____
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SSAN [REDACTED]

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- Business Relationship / Friendship
- ~~Not aware of Bentzen Bluebeard~~ or ~~secretary~~
Boat in Corporation name being [REDACTED]
- Bluebeard
- Managed ~~Bluebeard~~ Miss Liberty for about 1 year as part of 40 boats
- Do not believe he was ~~supposed~~^{ed}. Does not know if an official
- Have only met him once. Does not feel qualified to comment.
- It was a ~~charter~~ Yacht. He accepted or declined to knowledge legal.

Normal / ~~charter~~ out of the ordinary. All charter agreements went through the office.

Sign up Oct. 89 until Boat was sold. Acct was closed Jan 92. ~~Do~~ Do not know who sold.

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b6Continuation of FD-302 of LLOYD MILLARD BENTSEN, JR., On 12/11/92, Page 3

Attorney [redacted] address unknown, believed to be practicing in McAllen. Also, Attorney [redacted] Austin, Texas, telephone number [redacted]

The appointee stated from 1948 until 1955, he served as a member of the House of Representatives. He attempted to recall individuals currently serving as members who could verify his employment, however, the effort met with negative results. From 1955 until 1971, he stated he was the President of Consolidated American Life Insurance Company, Houston, Texas, which merged with Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company, Lincoln, Nebraska. Individuals who could verify this employment are [redacted] Houston, Texas, telephone number [redacted] and [redacted] Houston, Texas, telephone number [redacted]

The appointee provided a list of his previous addresses which are attached hereto. [redacted]

The appointee advised his oral responses to the above questions are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and recollection. The appointee advised he is unaware of anything that could, would or should prevent him from receiving a position with the United States government or be used to coerce or compromise him if he were to receive such a position.

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